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Construction boom proves costly

Amid shortages and inflation, bills soar for homebuyers, tenants and developers

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Since Newport Realty prepared to build a 55-and-over community of detached condos in northern Plainville, the materials budget has skyrocketed.

"Just since last October, garage doors are up 100 percent, front doors 100 percent, sheetrock up 30

percent, exterior trim 70 percent," Newport partner Mark Lovley said.

In South Windsor, T&M Building Co. Inc. is just completing 155 townhouses, duplexes and detached homes; during the course of construction, lumber prices added an average of \$18,000 to each one, said President Greg Ugalde.

And even though Bristol's Carrier Construction Co. has been a major homebuilder in the region for decades, this year it's struggling to get some types of vinyl siding and plywood that usually are abundant. In a sharp reversal of the usual pattern in construction, Carrier now starts jobs by buying long ahead of when products will be needed.

"Before we even start digging for the foundation, we have sign-offs from our customers on all the exterior selections and all

materials are ordered months in advance," Construction Manager Ryan Carrier said.

Contractors and developers across Connecticut agree their industry is going through a time like none other in memory. Demand for new housing is intense at all ends of the market, while labor costs are soaring and construction materials are often scarce and sometimes staggeringly expensive.

The same pressures are hitting commercial contractors building

highway bridges, shopping plazas, banks and schools, part of a nationwide pattern that appeared during the pandemic.

Supply chain disruptions abruptly make some once-common building materials almost impossible to find. In many fields, production backlogs drive up the prices further, sometimes driven by COVID-related plant shut-downs overseas.

The end result is that new

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The former Pirelli Tire Building in New Haven, designed by modernist architect Marcel Breuer in the 1960s, will open in a few weeks as a hotel.

SEAN FOWLER/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

A NEW ENERGY

The former Pirelli Tire Building, a modernist concrete hulk looming over highways and New Haven Harbor, is about to open as solar-powered hotel

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

For years, architect-developer Bruce Redman Becker drove past the former Pirelli Tire Building looming over Interstates 91 and 95 in New Haven, wondering why the concrete hulk designed by modernist architect Marcel Breuer was empty.

In a few weeks, the former office building at Long Wharf is due to open as the transformed Hotel Marcel. Becker designed, developed and repurposed it as what he plans as a net-zero energy hotel intended to tap the tourist and business visitor markets of New Haven and Connecticut's shoreline.

"I wasn't looking to do a hotel, to be honest," said Becker, who describes his work as affordable mixed-use building design and historic preservation.

But the more he saw the building, a vestige of 1960s urban renewal, he insisted it "can't remain empty."

Becker, whose works includes 777 Main



Bruce Redman Becker, the architect-designer and owner of the Hotel Marcel, stands surrounded by solar panels on the rooftop of the hotel in New Haven on Thursday. The hotel uses 100% solar electricity to power the building. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

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What is social-emotional learning?

Decades-old structure accused of promoting radical gender ideology

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

Confidence. Empathy. Interpersonal skills and conflict resolution.

These are some of the tenants of social-emotional learning, or SEL, a decades-old framework embedded into the curriculum and practices of countless public schools across the country.

But in a continued fight with public schools over political and family values, critics have accused schools of using the guise of social-emotional learning to indoctrinate children with radical gender ideology or teach comprehensive sex education.

At least 20 states have introduced legislation similar to that of Florida's so-called "Don't Say Gay" law, aimed to curtail curriculum on vaguely defined "divisive concepts," while parents' rights advocates view SEL as a "Trojan horse" for radicalism.

The attacks on social-emotional learning remind some of those on critical race theory, with SEL replacing CRT as the three-letter acronym du jour serving as lightning rod for passionate political debate.

The attacks are "very concerning to anybody who cares about public education," said Robert Rader, executive director of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

"They very often misrepresent what is actually going on," Rader said. "They all seem to have the common thread of people believing the schools are foisting political ideology on students. And I would say there's no truth in that at all."

Connecticut has not seen the same level of rancorous opposition as in other states, but confusion and some opposition persists in some towns where SEL has been introduced.

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Mandates absent in state's current COVID-19 uptick

COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are once again rising in Connecticut — a result of the BA.2 subvariant. This time, however, one key element of previous coronavirus waves is conspicuously absent: broad control measures designed to slow the spread of the virus.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Officials: Russia tries to storm plant



People walk through a cemetery ahead of the funeral for a fallen soldier on Saturday in Dev'yatnyky, Ukraine. LEON NEAL/GETTY

Zelenskyy says he will meet Blinken and Austin in Kyiv

By David Keyton
and Yesica Fisch
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces in Ukraine tried to storm a steel plant housing soldiers and civilians in the southern city of Mariupol on Saturday in an attempt to crush the last corner of resistance in a place of deep symbolic and strategic value to Moscow, Ukrainian officials said.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, meanwhile, announced he would meet Sunday in Kyiv with

the U.S. secretary of state, Antony Blinken, and with the U.S. secretary of defense, Lloyd Austin. The White House declined comment.

Speaking in a news conference, Zelenskyy gave little detail about the encounter but said he expected concrete results — "not just presents or some kind of cakes, we are expecting specific things and specific weapons."

The reported assault on the steel plant on the eve of Orthodox Easter came after the Kremlin claimed its military had seized all of the shattered city except for the Azovstal plant, and as Russian forces pounded other cities

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What is social-emotional learning, and where did it come from?

Connecticut defines social-emotional learning as: “The process through which children and adults achieve emotional intelligence through the competencies of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.”

Social-emotional learning may be woven into the curriculum or classroom environment, and some class time is also set aside for workshops and exercises.

Modern approaches to social-emotional learning can be tracked to the 1990s, although the fundamental concepts date back even longer. The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, or CASEL, formed in 1994, and created a curriculum framework still used by schools around the country.

Many Connecticut schools were introduced to social-emotional learning through what’s called RULER, an evidence-based approach developed by Marc Brackett, founder and director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence.

RULER centers on teaching students how to identify, understand, express and regulate their emotions. It uses tools like the “mood meter,” which kids can use to indicate how they’re feeling that day, and the “blueprint,” a guide for conflict resolution.

Frances Rabinowitz, executive director of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, implemented the RULER approach as superintendent at Hamden Public Schools and later in Bridgeport in 2015.

In Bridgeport, Rabinowitz says, the results were clear. Average daily attendance started to improve, while chronic absenteeism fell. Teachers began to witness “burgeoning



Channing Elementary School kindergarten teacher Lucia Martinez teaches her students about facial cues and expressions. The Elgin, Illinois, school has short lessons on social-emotional learning most Tuesdays. **RAFAEL GUERRERO/COURIER-NEWS 2019**

academic growth.”

“I can’t imagine running a school district without [social-emotional learning] being a very important component, an essential component,” Rabinowitz said.

“When a child can self-regulate their learning, then they can advocate for themselves,” said Irene Parisi, chief academic officer for state Department of Education.

What does SEL look like in practice?

Social-emotional learning can take different forms.

The guidelines set out by the state Department of Education are broad, and local school boards are given full agency to work toward growth targets however it sees fit.

West Hartford, which used CASEL’s framework to ground the district’s approach, uses semi-regular meetings to drill into social-emotional learning

concepts.

Elementary students participate in morning meetings, where the goals mirror those recommended by the state: developing a positive self concept, identifying emotions, understanding rules, and developing positive interpersonal relationships.

SEL programming happens during a morning advisory period for middle school students and during the community block for high schoolers, as teachers introduce progressively sophisticated concepts.

Much of the SEL-related scrutiny, in West Hartford and elsewhere, concerns what elementary-age students are learning about gender and sexuality.

The district was the focus of a National Review article last November that amplified the availability of books with transgender characters to elementary-age students. School officials said they received dozens of death

threats afterward.

But lessons on human sexuality is not part of social-emotional learning, said Paul Vicinus, assistant superintendent of curriculum, assessment and instruction at West Hartford Public Schools.

There are books with transgender characters, as there are books about families with different structures. Students have one lesson on gender identity per year, which may include lessons debunking gender stereotypes and how to respect the identity of others.

“There’s a lot of misunderstanding that we’re providing dramatic depths of teaching about, [for example], here’s what a divorce is — no,” Vicinus said. “We’re just trying to provide examples within the literature within the stories we’re reading, so it’s not the first time a child has heard of those differences.”

“We’re not trying to

usurp family values, we want those conversations to begin at home,” he said. “We’re simply trying to teach students to have a positive self image so that if their experience is among things that are either in the minority or diverse, that they don’t feel less than,” he said.

Not all parents in the district are sold, but discussions are ongoing. Roszena Haskins, West Hartford schools’ director of equity and advancement, says the district isn’t “debating or refuting any family’s personal point of view.”

“Our values are that every student should feel welcome, safe and accepted within our school community,” Haskins said.

Post-pandemic importance

The concepts behind social-emotional learning are crucial particularly for younger students, argues Michelle Doucette

Cunningham, executive director at Connecticut After School Network and Willington school board member.

In the same way learning is damaged when students are hungry, “Your brain cannot process and store memories, cannot learn, if it’s dealing with emotional issues,” Doucette Cunningham said.

That could include a student who doesn’t have the skills to voice or regulate their feelings, or a student who has endured adverse childhood experiences.

But intolerant learning environments disproportionately affect LGBTQ youth, who are subject to verbal and physical harassment at school and face higher risks to suicide and self-harm.

Mental health experts agree that the pandemic worsened youth mental health, deemed a crisis in December by the U.S. Surgeon General.

Nearly 20% of high schoolers said they considered suicide, and 9% said they attempted it, according to a survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Numbers were worse among girls and LGBTQ youth.

Schools now turn to learning loss, but also addressing the mental health toll.

In the wake of the pandemic, school districts are taking an interest in SEL programs. Tyton Partners, an education consulting firm, found that nationwide spending on SEL programs grew by about 45% between November 2019 and April 2021, while student well-being has become a top priority.

“If we want to prepare children to work together in a diverse world... we have to build skills for them that deal with empathy, and understanding people who are different than them,” Doucette Cunningham said.

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PLAY4 DAY 3 6 2 6 **WB:** 2

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PLAY3 NIGHT 2 1 1 **WB:** 7
PLAY4 NIGHT 2 2 6 8 **WB:** 9

CASH 5
6 13 15 18 30

LUCKY FOR LIFE
2 5 20 41 47 **LB:** 8

LOTTO
13 22 23 35 39 44
Zero first-prize ticket(s) sold.

MEGA MILLIONS
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I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, ‘A family like yours.’ That’s when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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Saint Francis Hospital has been awarded on Newsweek’s list of World’s Best Hospitals 2022.

“We are extremely honored to have once again been named one of Newsweek’s World’s Best Hospitals,” said Thomas Burke, BPharm, MBA, President of Saint Francis Hospital. “I am proud of the hard work done by our physicians, nurses, clinical, and non-clinical colleagues which positions Saint Francis among the best of the best. Being named a World’s Best Hospital is a tangible representation of our commitment to providing top quality care and living our Mission every day.”

Saint Francis was ranked 158 out of 414 hospitals in the United States and performed “above average” in infection prevention measures. Saint Francis was one of just four Connecticut hospitals on the list. To be included on the list, hospitals must stand out for consistent excellence, including distinguished physicians, top-notch nursing care, and state-of-the-art technology.

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homebuyers and new businesses shouldn't be too optimistic about their delivery schedule or final purchase price, and almost certainly need to be flexible about selection of anything from floor tiles to windows to appliances.

"The pivotal word now is 'pivot,'" said Avner Krohn, a prominent developer with major apartment projects underway in Bloomfield, New Britain and elsewhere.

"Every day is a new challenge. And if you think you can be locked into one kind of kitchen finish, well those days are gone," Krohn said. "It's about availability of product, and across the board. When delays are incurred because of that, there's additional expense."

Carrier summed it up this way: "Decisions need to be made a little sooner, and the customer may have to wait a little longer."

Jonathan Vosburgh, whose Roswell Development LLC recently completed 32 houses in Granby, is braced for plenty of fast, deadline decisions if he pursues his new plan for 34 three-bedroom houses in Canton.

"Price and availability are so volatile right now you never know what's going to happen the next day. The only way to manage is to be flexible and make sure your clients are flexible, too," Vosburgh said.

More than a dozen developers who talked with The Courant in recent weeks agreed that their designers, cost estimators and subcontractors are all scrambling to deal with three distinct, sharp pressures: Material prices are wildly volatile, shortages appear — and vanish — with no predictability, and labor costs are spiraling.

Those factors hit just as a massive building wave hit the state: Virtually every community in central



An artist's rendering of The Brit, the 107-unit apartment building that Avner Krohn is developing at a key downtown corner in New Britain.

Connecticut has one or more mid-size to large apartment building in the planning phases or under construction.

Once-sleepy Berlin is suddenly a competitive market for developers. Structural steel is going up in predictable places, such as affluent West Hartford, but also in middle-of-the-road suburbs like Southington, Bloomfield and Newington, as well as cities like Bristol and New Britain.

"We finally broke out of the slump that we'd been in for so many years. But we're really not ready on the supply side — in Connecticut, we've fallen behind the housing demand," said Ugalde, a past chairman of the National Association of Home Builders.

So even as materials — from exotic chemicals and coatings to ordinary drywall — became scarce at various points during the past two years, more builders have been chasing them.

"There are people hoarding materials. When they can get something (scarce), a sub or contractor will buy



Developers Tony Valenti and Mark Lovley at Provision State Coffee, a tenant in a building they recently renovated in Berlin. **DON STACOM/HARTFORD COURANT**

as much as they can," Krohn said.

This spring, many are wishing they'd stocked up on some specialty electrical products.

"I just heard from a lender about someone with 150 completed units, but they can't get what they needed for electrical. They're sitting with a fully completed project, paying interest on debt," Krohn said.

Like Krohn, Lovley and

his partner, Tony Valenti, are seasoned builders with established credentials but are facing fresh challenges this year.

The first phase of their Steele Center mixed-use development alongside Berlin's Amtrak station is awaiting an electrical panel that's deeply back-ordered.

"We ordered in early February, they just told us we won't see it until June 30. We have this building almost

100 percent done but without power," Lovley said. "We don't have electric meters — our purchase order was Dec. 28, we still don't have them yet."

Krohn, who is finishing 111 apartments in Bloomfield and starting the foundation for 107 in downtown New Britain, has seen similar surprises in project after project

"For each of our teams, it's a full-time job sourcing subcontractors and material — materials have been the number one biggest issue," he said. "On heating, ventilating and air conditioning, we're seeing an increase in cost for the same unit size of 40 percent between labor and materials. And with availability, we're constantly scrambling."

For homebuyers and future tenants, that means new expense.

"Year over year, our materials increases are around 20 percent. That's incredible, right?" Ugalde said. "So on the cost of a \$300,000 build, you're adding \$60,000. That's tough for buyers and for contractors."

Commercial construction faces many of the same pressures.

"You don't know when you'll get materials or what it will cost. There's a chemical for cement that went from \$2,000 per container to \$20,000. Imagine what that does to your prices," said Donald Shubert, president of the Connecticut Construction Industries Association.

"All these things are coming at once. Contractors are risk averse, we're all about certainty in pricing. We like certainty," Shubert said.

But contractors bidding on large commercial or infrastructure jobs now face a very unfamiliar market. Road-repaving bids, for instance, took into account volatility in liquid asphalt prices, but banked on stability in other costs.

"Now it's everything. If



Last November, developer Avner Krohn walked the Bloomfield site his company is developing into 111 apartments. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

you have a two-year contract and you bid at a 3 percent labor increase, now the numbers are much higher. Look at the pressure that puts on your company," Shubert said.

Pay rates for skilled equipment operators, engineers, tradesmen and ironworkers have shot up in the past year, and companies that were sidelining crews in the spring of 2020 are now hustling to fully staff their projects.

Connecticut construction employment dipped at the start of the pandemic but reached 62,700 last month, a 5.4% increase since February 2020. About two-thirds of the country has had a rise in construction jobs, and Kenneth Simonson chief economist for the Associated General Contractors of America, doesn't anticipate any imminent change.

"We're seeing nationwide strong demand for multi-family housing — and the expectation for very strong (industrial) growth once the federal infrastructure money filters through state and local agencies," Simonson said. "On the whole I'm pretty optimistic about the demand for construction going forward."

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Street in Hartford and 360 State Street in New Haven — residential high-rises — said he is fascinated with Breuer, who died in 1981 at age 79. The Hungarian-born modernist architect and furniture designer was a key figure in Germany's influential Bauhaus school of design.

The former Pirelli building is the "most visible" of Breuer's buildings in the U.S., making its abandonment for 20 years particularly hard to bear, Becker said. Some observers say the brutalist design — minimalist construction showcasing building materials and structural elements rather than decorative designs — is ugly.

Becker disagrees.

"I love the building," he said. "It's like art. Not everyone appreciates modern art."

The light gray concrete building that takes in the New Haven Harbor and city's skyline is not intended to be a pretty building, Becker said. It's designed to express its structure.

It makes a "heroic showing of its cantilever" while showing off its "beautiful precast concrete material," he said.

The building, which opened in 1970 to house offices of Armstrong Rubber Co., also offers a "play of light and shadow in differ-



Bruce Redman Becker, the architect-designer and owner of the Hotel Marcel in New Haven, walks across its roof Thursday. The hotel uses 100% solar electricity to power the building. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

ent lights that's captivating," Becker said.

"I just really like it as a work of architecture with a capital A," he said. "It's not a classic new England building in any way."

The Italian tire manufacturer Pirelli bought the site and Armstrong's tire business in 1988 and decided a few years later to sell the property, including the

building. It later was owned by Ikea, the Swedish home furnishing store that took over an adjacent building as its retail site.

Becker said he negotiated for a year to buy the Pirelli building and 130 parking spaces from Ikea. The retailer known for its basic furniture designs "got comfortable with my concept of embracing

Bauhaus," he said.

The new 165-room Hilton hotel will use solar energy to power electricity for lighting, heating, cooling and hot water. Becker declined to disclose the project's cost.

The hotel industry has struggled during COVID-19 and is only recently recovering. Still, the American Hotel & Lodging Associa-

tion says U.S. hotel business travel revenue is projected to be 23% below pre-pandemic levels in 2022 in the U.S., ending the year down more than \$20 billion compared with 2019. The decline in Connecticut is expected to be 27%.

Leisure travel is forecast to return to pre-pandemic levels this year, but business travel, which is the hotel

industry's largest source of revenue, "will take significantly longer to recover," the trade group said.

Steve Fontana, New Haven's deputy director of economic development, said the "long-term fundamentals" of the city's market are strong and improving. New Haven is drawing not only tourists, but investors, researchers and others to the shoreline's biopharma and health science industry.

New Haven's Union Station and I-95 are near the new hotel, linking Connecticut to New York City and Boston. Amtrak service from New Haven extends to Hartford and Springfield, Mass., and Avelo Airlines has established Tweed Airport as an East Coast hub.

The Long Wharf area includes the Long Wharf Theatre (which plans to leave that site), Sports Haven, Jordan's Furniture, health care facilities, the Long Wharf Maritime Center and now the Hotel Marcel.

"There's a little bit of something for everybody," Fontana said.

Becker said he's handling a few final details before the hotel's mid-May opening.

"All the parking lot signs are up and the trees are planted," he said. "The soap dispensers are mounted in the public bathrooms."

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and towns in southern and eastern Ukraine.

Elsewhere in the country, a 3-month-old baby was among six people killed when Russia fired cruise missiles at the Black Sea port city of Odesa, officials said.

"The war started when this baby was one month old. Can you imagine what is happening?" Zelenskyy said.

The fate of the Ukrainians in the sprawling steel mill in Mariupol wasn't immediately clear; earlier Saturday, a Ukrainian military unit released a video reportedly taken two days earlier in which women and chil-

dren holed up underground, some for as long as two months, said they longed to see the sun.

Meanwhile, Russia said it had taken control of several villages elsewhere in the eastern Donbas region and destroyed 11 Ukrainian military targets overnight, including three artillery warehouses.

Journalists observed shelling in residential areas of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city; regional Gov. Oleh Sinehubov said three people were killed. In the Luhansk area of the Donbas, Gov. Serhiy Haidai said six people died during the shelling of a village, Gorsko.

In Sloviansk, a town in northern Donbas, AP

witnessed two soldiers arriving at a hospital, one of them mortally wounded. Nearby, a small group of people gathered outside a church where a priest blessed them with water on Holy Saturday. Ukrainian officials announced a nationwide curfew ahead of Easter Sunday.

Mariupol has been a key Russian objective since the invasion began Feb. 24 and has taken on outsized importance in the war. Completing its capture would deprive the Ukrainians of a vital port, free up Russian troops to fight elsewhere and establish a land corridor to the Crimean Peninsula, which Moscow seized in 2014.

An advisor to Ukraine's

presidential office, Oleksiy Arestovich, said Russian forces resumed air strikes on the Azovstal plant and were also trying to storm it. Two days earlier, Russian President Vladimir Putin had given an order to blockade the plant.

Ukrainian officials have estimated that about 2,000 of their troops are inside the plant along with civilians sheltering in its underground tunnels. More than 100,000 people — down from a prewar population of about 430,000 — are believed to remain in Mariupol. Ukrainian authorities estimate that over 20,000 civilians have been killed in the city.

Ukrainian officials had said they would try

again Saturday to evacuate women, children and older adults from Mariupol, but like similar previous plans, it failed. Petro Andriyushchenko, an adviser to Mariupol's mayor, said Russian forces did not allow Ukrainian-organized buses to take residents to Zaporizhzhia, about 140 miles to the northwest.

Regarding the expected visit Sunday from U.S. officials, Zelenskyy said: "I believe that we will be able to get agreements from the United States or part of that package on arming Ukraine which we agreed on earlier. Besides, we have strategic questions about security guarantees, which it is time to discuss in detail, because the United States will be one

of those leaders of security countries for our state."

Also Saturday, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson talked with Zelenskyy and promised more drones, vehicles and antitank missiles.

Bolstered by heavy weapons from Western nations, Zelenskyy has expressed confidence that Ukraine was prepared to defeat Russian forces in what is expected to be a battle for control of the eastern industrial heartland.

"We will be able to show the occupiers that the day when they will be forced to leave Ukraine is approaching," he said in an overnight address.

The New York Times contributed.



An Open Letter to Connecticut Legislators, Parents, and Voters

With 10 days left in the 2022 legislative session, we are at a pivotal moment for passing legislation critical to Connecticut’s children, teachers, and public schools.

Throughout the pandemic, educators have been applauded for the vital role they’ve played in maintaining the highest-possible standards of school safety, social and emotional support, and academic progress despite significant challenges. The pandemic has also raised serious concerns among community members and their elected officials about school staffing shortages and education budget shortfalls that have left students in overcrowded classrooms and in under-resourced, poorly maintained buildings.

The Connecticut Education Association (CEA), representing tens of thousands of professional educators and advocating for the students they serve, urges you to take positive and immediate action.

The time is now to stand with Connecticut’s public schools and the students and educators at the heart of those schools, and to make investments that underscore your support. Three important measures would do just that, and we all need to encourage legislators to take action to:

1. Pass the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force proposed in Senate Bill 427 and include incentives to better attract and retain teachers, such as special COVID service credit that recognizes teachers’ sacrifices during the pandemic.
2. Prohibit the teaching of remote and in-person students at the same time by a single teacher. Used as a cost-saving measure, this inequitable practice is detrimental to students on both sides of the screen.
3. Support school indoor air quality with bond funding and classroom temperature standards called for in Senate Bill 423. For those who argue that the cost is too high, look no further than the recent \$500K settlement awarded to Wilton families whose children’s health deteriorated because of poor ventilation, mold, and substandard air quality in their schools.

Teachers have gone above and beyond to ensure in-person learning and safe, healthy conditions in Connecticut’s public schools, but they cannot do it alone, and they cannot do it without the legislative commitment and funding that makes those achievements possible and sustainable.

Public education is the great equalizer in our society, but only if we invest in it. There has never been a more important time to stand with our educators and their students.

Sincerely,

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WORLD & NATION

Killings fail to stop health mission

‘Struggling and fighting for life is our principle’
By Apoorva Mandavilli
The New York Times

On a bracingly cold day in March, four people set out from Ukraine’s capital, Kyiv, to deliver lifesaving medicines, heating devices and food to the besieged residents of Chernihiv, in the northeast.

Only one survived.

During a quick stop en route, the convoy was hit by Russian shelling. Two of the four people died instantly. A third was pelted by fragments and died a half-hour later. The survivor was a man who had stepped away from the vans to relieve himself.

Among the dead: 21-year-old Anastasiia Tagirova, who had wanted to go to Chernihiv to reunite with her boyfriend, and her cat.

The ill-fated trip, on March 30, was organized by 100% Life, a large nonprofit group that serves Ukrainians living with HIV. It was not the group’s first mission to Chernihiv, nor its last.

Undeterred, the organization’s staff and volunteers have continued to make forays into Chernihiv, learning to be nimble and unobtrusive to Russian eyes. So far, they have delivered enough medicines to treat the 1,800 people in Chernihiv known to be living with HIV, although an unknown number may have fled the city or been killed.

Public health groups like these are going to extraordinary lengths to help their compatriots and to preserve Ukraine’s hard-won progress against HIV, tuberculosis and other scourges. While they have always committed to saving lives, the goal has come to mean something entirely different since the invasion.

“Struggling and fighting for life is our principle,”



An aid tent after an explosion at a residential complex March 20 in Kyiv. Groups hope to prevent a public health disaster. LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

ple,” Dmytro Sherembei, who heads 100% Life, said through a translator in a recent interview. “We always have to be ready to fight for life under any circumstances and any conditions.”

Experts have warned that wars nearly always lead to public health crises. Pathogens find easy targets among large groups huddled closely together in basements and refugee camps, children who miss routine vaccinations and patients who lose access to medications.

Interruptions in treatment for HIV and TB can breed versions of the pathogens that are resistant to the medications. Ukraine and its neighbors already represent the global epicenter of drug-resistant tuberculosis.

On March 25, volunteers from 100% Life loaded

two vans with a half-ton of medicines — including liquid formulations of HIV treatments for children — clothes and food. The only bridge to Chernihiv had been destroyed by bombing, so they drove the vans to the banks of the Dnipro River, transferred the cargo to a boat and unloaded it on the other side. They returned with 34 people fleeing Chernihiv.

On the second trip, on March 30, volunteers again loaded two minivans with food and medicines, and this time heating devices for freezing residents. They were joined by three vans from an evangelical church hoping to evacuate some members from Chernihiv.

The shelling incinerated four of the vans and partially damaged the fifth. Sherembei said three people from

the church group had been taken to a hospital, but he did not know their fates.

“The Russians were bombing us, they were shelling us, knowing full well that it was a humanitarian convoy,” he said.

The organization lost two volunteers: Bohdan Stefanyshyn, 40, and Oleksii Antonov, 28. Yurii Luniov, the 41-year-old volunteer who had stepped away into the bushes, was spared.

Even after the tragedy, abandoning the missions was not an option — not when there were people, including many children, who needed the medicines, he said. So the volunteers thought of ways to make themselves less conspicuous, and have made three trips so far.

Figuring that one van would draw less attention

than a convoy, and that the Russians might be unlikely to use precious missiles on a single target, they swapped the two small vans for a large dull-colored one. They no longer travel with the church group. They packed solar panels, candles for people living out of dank basements, and food. The aid workers could bring back only about 10 people.

By the time of the March 30 trip, the Ukrainian military had fashioned a makeshift pontoon bridge across the river that the van could traverse.

Not having to unload and load the cargo slashed the time it took to cross the river from four hours to just 10 minutes.

On the Chernihiv side, the five 100% Life workers who opted to stay behind in Chernihiv, as well as staff

from an infectious disease unit in one of the few hospitals that’s still standing, stood ready to collect and distribute the supplies.

Communicating with these helpers held its own challenges. Many of them were holed up in basements except for brief stints.

Once the plan was finalized, the news had to be circulated among patients by word-of-mouth. In the past few days, reestablished power stations have eased these conditions somewhat, Sherembei said.

While Chernihiv residents with HIV have enough treatments for now, the medicines are in short supply. The United States President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief has scoured the world to secure spare stocks of HIV treatments for Ukraine.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Sanctions' impact being felt in Russia

But Putin proclaims country has blunted 'blitz' from the West

By Ken Sweet and Fatima Hussein Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nearly two months into the Russian-Ukraine war, the Kremlin has taken extraordinary steps to blunt an economic counteroffensive from the West. While Russia can claim some symbolic victories, the full impact of Western sanctions is being felt. As the West moved to cut off Russia's access to its foreign reserves, limit imports of key technologies and take other restrictive actions, the Kremlin launched some drastic measures to protect the economy. Those included hiking interest rates to as high as 20%, instituting capital controls and forcing Russian business to convert their profits into rubles. As a result, the value of the ruble has recovered after an initial plunge, and last week the central bank reversed part of its interest rate increase. Russian President Vladimir Putin felt emboldened and proclaimed — evoking World War II imagery — that the country had withstood the West's "blitz" of sanctions. "The government wants to paint a picture that things are not as bad as they actually are," said Michael Alexeev, an economics professor at Indiana University, who studied Russia's economy in its transition after the collapse of the Soviet Union. A closer look, however,



A tanker loads its cargo of liquefied natural gas from the Sakhalin-2 project in the port of Prigorodnoye, Russia. AP 2021

shows that the sanctions are taking a bite out of Russia's economy: ■ The country is enduring its worst bout of inflation in two decades. Rosstat, the state's economic statistic agency, said inflation last month hit 17.3%, the highest level since 2002. By comparison, the International Monetary Fund expects consumer prices in developing countries to rise 8.7% this year, up from 5.9% last year. ■ Some Russian companies have been forced to shut down. Several reports say a tank manufacturer had to stop production due to

the lack of parts. U.S. officials point to the closing of Lada auto plants — a brand made by Russian company Avtovaz and majority-owned by French automaker Renault — as a sign of sanctions having an effect. ■ Moscow's mayor says the city is looking at 200,000 job losses from foreign companies shutting down operations. More than 300 companies have pulled out, and international supply chains have largely shut down after container company Maersk, UPS, DHL and other transportation firms exited Russia. ■ Russia is facing a historic

default on its bonds, which will likely freeze the country out of the debt markets for years. Meanwhile, Treasury officials and most economists urge patience that sanctions take months to have full effect. If Russia can't get appropriate amounts of capital, parts or supplies over time, that will cause even more factories and businesses to shut down, leading to higher unemployment. It took nearly an entire year after Russia was sanctioned for seizing Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014 for its economic data to

show signs of distress, such as higher inflation, a decline in industrial production and a slowdown in economic growth. "The things that we should be looking for to see if the sanctions are working are, frankly, not easy to see yet," said David Feldman, a professor of economics at William & Mary in Virginia. "We'll be looking for the price of goods, the quantity of goods they are producing and the quality of goods. The last being the hardest to see and probably the last to appear." Transparency into how sanctions are affecting the

Russian economy is limited, largely because of the extraordinary lengths the Kremlin has taken to prop it up and its largest sector — oil and gas — is largely unencumbered due to European, Chinese and Indian reliance on Russian energy. While the EU has agreed to ban Russian coal by August and is discussing sanctions on oil, there's been no consensus among the 27 nations so far about halting oil and natural gas. Europe is far more reliant on Russian supplies than Britain and the U.S., which have banned or are phasing out Russian oil. In the meantime, Russia gets \$850 million a day from Europe for its oil and gas. The U.S. and its allies have argued that they have tried to tailor sanctions to affect Russia's ability to wage war and financially hit those in the highest echelons of government, while leaving everyday Russians largely unaffected. But Russians have noticed a spike in prices. Residents of one Moscow suburb said 19-liter jugs of drinking water they regularly order have become nearly 35% more expensive than before. In supermarkets and stores in their area, the price for about 2 pounds of sugar has grown by 77%; some vegetables cost 30% to 50% more. The Kremlin and its allies on social media have repeatedly pointed to the recovery of Russia's ruble as a sign that Western sanctions aren't working. The ruble crashed to around 150 to the dollar in the early days of the war but recovered to around 80 to the dollar, about where it was before the invasion.

For Ukrainian Orthodox, war casts pall on Easter

Churches across US struggle to find joy amid suffering

By Peter Smith Associated Press

The rituals leading up to Easter are the same. The solemn Good Friday processions. The Holy Saturday blessings of foods that were avoided during Lent. The liturgies accompanied by processions, bells and chants. But while Easter is the holiest of holy days on the church calendar, marking the day Christians believe Jesus triumphed over death, many members of Ukrainian Orthodox churches across the United States are finding it difficult to summon joy at a time of war. Many are in regular contact with relatives or friends suffering amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which has laid waste to cities and claimed thousands of civilian lives, according to the Ukrainian government. "This is a very strange Easter for us," said the Rev. Richard Jendras, priest at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Allentown, Pennsylvania. "It should be a joyous holiday, and it's all about new life, and yet here

we are being confronted with the harbingers of murder and killing and genocide and death." Many believers "are walking around like zombies," he said. "We are going through the motions of Easter right now because it's what we have to hang on to." Orysia Germak, a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Volodymyr in New York City, said news from the war summons bad memories: She was born in a camp for displaced persons camp after her mother fled Ukraine post-World War II, she said. "Easter is such a joyous occasion, but this underlines everything," she said. "It's surreal." Both cathedrals are part of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, whose parishes include many people with recent or ancestral ties to the old country. Most Catholics and Protestants celebrated Easter last Sunday, but Eastern Orthodox are celebrating this Sunday. They usually do so later than Western churches because they use a different method of calculating the date for the holy day. Some Ukrainian Catholics, particularly in Ukraine itself, also are celebrating this Sunday. But many

Ukrainian Catholics in the U.S. celebrated last Sunday. Among those celebrating Easter last weekend were congregants at Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, one of the oldest surviving Ukrainian Catholic churches in America. Their priest, the Rev. Mykola Ivanov, 41, came from Ukraine in 2005. His elderly parents are in the city of Lviv, which has been thronged with refugees from elsewhere in Ukraine; his older brother is fighting with the Ukrainian army on the eastern front. At every Mass since the war started, the service has included a "Prayer for Ukraine." It includes a plea to God to crush the invaders who threaten the Ukrainians' "precious Land." For Orthodox Ukrainians, Easter is being marked on both sides of the battle lines. Eastern Orthodoxy is the predominant religion in Ukraine and Russia, as well as in several neighboring lands. A schism among Ukrainian Orthodox — with one group asserting independence and the other historically loyal to the patriarch of Moscow — has reverberated worldwide amid competing claims of



A little girl watches as her mother kisses the Gospel book as she enters St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Allentown, Pennsylvania, for a Good Friday service. WONG MAYE-E/AP

legitimacy. But the two main Orthodox bodies in Ukraine have both fiercely opposed the Russian invasion. In the United States, many people with ties to Ukraine are monitoring the war closely and sending funds to individuals and aid groups there, said Andrew Fessak, president of the board of trustees at St. Volodymyr. While Orthodox in America can celebrate freely, "our relatives and friends in Ukraine are under pressure from an invading army and aren't as free to celebrate as they wish," Fessak said.

"They may not be able to get to churches. They may not be able to walk about town like they wish. They may not be able to have traditional foods they might have on Easter." And yet he takes heart in the strength of the Ukrainian resistance. "The Ukrainian population has shown they are highly keen on retaining Ukrainian independence," he said. "That's at least a strong comfort to us, to see there is such a strong civic pride and sense of patriotism."

The Rev. John Charest of St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, said it's important to carry out the historic rituals even in somber times — in part to defy Russian President Vladimir Putin, who launched the war while claiming that Ukraine has no historic legitimacy apart from Russia. "We do need to be strong now and we do need to be celebrating this feast," he said. "If we're not celebrating our traditions, that's exactly what Putin wants."

US, Cuba take step toward thawing frosty relations with migration talks

By Ben Fox Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cuba and the United States took a tentative step toward thawing relations and resuming joint efforts to address irregular migration, a senior Cuban official said following the highest-level talks between the two countries in four years. There were no major breakthroughs, but the fact that the U.S. was holding substantive talks was a sign

relations might be looking better under President Joe Biden after going into deep freeze under his predecessor, said Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernandez de Cossio. "They seem committed. They ratified that they are committed to the agreements in place," Fernandez de Cossio said Friday. "So we have no reason to mistrust what they're saying, but time will tell." The talks did not focus on broader U.S.-Cuba relations



Fernandez de Cossio

but more narrowly on restoring adherence to previous agreements that were intended to curtail the often-dangerous irregular migration from the island to the United States. U.S. officials want Cuba to resume taking back flights of deported migrants, which it stopped doing at the start of

the COVID-19 pandemic. Cuban authorities, meanwhile, want to see the U.S. follow through on its plan to restore consular services in Havana, so people can once again get visas to legally come to the United States, as well as change other policies that it believes encourage irregular migration from the island. The talks take place against the backdrop of relations that sharply deteriorated under President Donald Trump and amid

a sharp increase in the number of Cubans seeking to enter the U.S. along the Southwest border. U.S. Customs and Border Protection stopped Cubans more than 79,800 times from October through March — more than double all of 2021 and five times more than all of 2020. Overall, the Border Patrol stopped migrants of all nationalities more than 209,000 times in March, the highest monthly mark in 22 years. Cubans who cross the

U.S. border illegally face little risk of being deported or expelled under a public health law that has been used to deny asylum to thousands of migrants of other nationalities on the grounds of slowing the spread of COVID-19. Cuba wants the U.S. to stop granting asylum, end the economic embargo and take other measures that it says encourage migration and to restore consular activities so people can legally travel back and forth.



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In France’s election, critics are key

Yet Macron, Le Pen seen as distasteful for many voters

By John Leicester
Associated Press

PARIS — As France elects a president, Paris-based artist Vincent Aitzegagh is going into hiding, escaping to a bucolic village to avoid what for him — and millions of other left-wing French voters — is a painful, even impossible, electoral choice. For the first time in his life, the 65-year-old has decided to not vote at all in the decisive ballot Sunday. “I am fleeing,” he says. “Because it stinks.”

Disgruntled voters like Aitzegagh whose favored candidates were knocked out in the election’s first round on April 10 are the wild cards in the winner-takes-all runoff. How they vote — or don’t vote — on Sunday will in large part determine whether incumbent Emmanuel Macron gets a second five-year term or cedes the presidential Élysée Palace to far-right nationalist Marine Le Pen, a seemingly unlikely but not impossible outcome that would be seismic for France and Europe as they deal with the fallout of Russia’s war in Ukraine.

With the stakes high, never has the decision been so difficult for leftist voters who view both Macron and Le Pen as anathema — a choice that some describe as “between the plague and cholera.”

“It’s horrible, enough to make one cry. I have spent sleepless nights in tears not knowing what to do,” says Clek Desentredeux, a disabled artist who voted for hard-left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon in round one.

With 7.7 million votes, Melenchon finished just 420,000 votes shy of the runoff, in third place behind Le Pen. Both Le Pen and Macron have since expended much time



A demonstrator holds a placard that reads: “Neither Macron nor Le Pen,” during a protest April 16 in Paris. CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

and energy trawling for support in Melenchon’s now orphaned and disappointed reservoir of voters. It is an uphill battle for them both.

Many leftist voters resent Macron for having blown up France’s political landscape with his get-things-done middle-way method of governance, siphoning ideas, supporters, government ministers and political oxygen away from mainstream parties on both the left and right.

His pragmatism is too vanilla and opportunistic for many leftist voters hungry for a sharper and more ideological political divide. Many describe the 44-year-old former banker as friend to the rich and oppressor of the poor. Some also blame him for Le Pen’s rise, saying that in trying to undercut support in France for the extreme right, Macron swerved too far to the right himself.

Macron’s saving grace,

however, is also Le Pen. After years of drum-banging about immigration and Islam’s influence in the country with the largest Muslim population in Western Europe, the 53-year-old is reviled by many on the left as a racist xenophobe, too dangerous for France’s stated principles of “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity” to ever vote for. In conceding defeat in round one, Melenchon said his backers “must not give a single vote to Madame Le Pen” — repeating the exhortation four times.

But he stopped short of asking his electors to shift their votes to Macron, instead leaving them to wrestle alone with what Melenchon described as a choice between “two evils.”

Some will spoil their ballots, even putting toilet paper in the voting envelope instead of a candidate’s name to show how dimly they view the options. Some won’t vote. Some will cast

ballots with no name.

They include Emma Faroy in Paris.

“I’m going to vote because some women died for my right to do so,” the 22-year-old said. “But I’m going to cast a blank ballot because I don’t want to choose between either of them.”

Others will hold their noses and vote for Macron to keep out Le Pen. Some will back Le Pen, in a poke at the president. Multiple polls indicate that Macron, who won round one, is now building a significant runoff lead, larger than the polling margin of error. Melenchon voters from round one appear to be shifting in greater numbers behind him than Le Pen.

But the outcome remains uncertain because many have yet to choose.

“I’ll decide at the last moment,” said retired power worker Pierre Gineste. Having voted Melenchon in round one, round two

for him is the dilemma of a ballot for Macron, a blank ballot or not voting. He said he won’t vote for Le Pen.

The choice is so difficult and divisive that friendships and families are being tested. Aitzegagh voted for the green party candidate in round one; his daughter chose Melenchon. She then told her dad that she might vote Le Pen in the runoff because she cannot stomach Macron. Aitzegagh said he responded by warning: “If you vote Le Pen, I will repudiate you.”

In 2002, when Le Pen’s father, Jean-Marie, stunned France by advancing to the runoff, Aitzegagh was among the 82% of voters who came together behind conservative Jacques Chirac, in a powerful rejection of the extreme right.

In 2017, Aitzegagh voted for Macron in the run-off — once again solely to be a barrage against a Le Pen, this time Marine. Macron won

handily — 66% to 34% — but in the knowledge that many of his votes were simply ballots against her. The same will be true on Sunday.

In a first for him and with “sadness and disgust,” Aitzegagh will abstain, because Macron’s first term has been “five years of cholera, five years of crap, five years of destruction” and Le Pen isn’t an option for him.

“I don’t want to be a barrage any more,” he said. “I have had enough.”

Desentredeux, who uses the gender-neutral pronoun they, agonized long and hard over their choice — and then decided that Le Pen’s presence again in the runoff left them with no choice at all.

This is the first presidential election that Desentredeux has been old enough to vote in and it will end with a reluctant vote for Macron.

“Macron winning would be a catastrophe, but Le Pen getting through would be criminal,” Desentredeux said. “I don’t want to do it, but I feel obliged.”

The two rivals clashed bitterly in a televised debate Wednesday, with Macron saying that Le Pen’s plan to ban Muslim women in France from wearing headscarves in public would trigger “civil war” in the country.

“We must not get used to the rise of far-right ideas,” Macron said Thursday in front of an ethnically diverse crowd in Saint-Denis.

Le Pen used her last big campaign rally Thursday to accuse Macron of “unlimited arrogance” in the debate and in his presidency.

“I’ve had enough, like you, of this permanent disrespect,” she told voters in the northern city of Arras, in the struggling former industrial heartland of France where she enjoys broad support among working-class voters.

She framed Macron as soft on immigration and security and called his economic record hurt by the pandemic and Ukraine war “catastrophic.”



Members of Sao Clemente samba school perform during the Rio de Janeiro 2022 Carnival at Marques de Sapucaí Sambodrome on Saturday in Brazil. WAGNER MEIER/GETTY

After long pandemic hiatus, Rio’s Carnival parade returns

By David Biller and
Mauricio Savarese
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Colorful floats and flamboyant dancers are delighting tens of thousands jammed into Rio de Janeiro’s iconic Sambadrome, putting on a delayed Carnival celebration after the COVID-19 pandemic halted the dazzling displays.

Rio de Janeiro’s top samba schools began strutting their stuff late Friday, which was the first evening of the two-night spectacle.

Ketula Melo, 38, a muse in the Imperatriz Leopoldinense school dressed as the Iemanjá deity of Afro-Brazilian religions, was thrilled to be back at the Sambadrome. “These two years were horrible. Now we can be happy again,” Melo said while wearing a black-and-white costume made of shells.

Rio’s Sambadrome has been home to the parade since the 1980s, and is a symbol of Brazil’s Carnival festivities. During the pandemic, it was a shelter for more than 400 homeless people and also served as a vaccination station.

Brazil confirmed its first cases of the coronavirus in March 2020, just after that year’s Carnival festivities came to an end. The 2021 edition was canceled due to the rise of the delta variant. More than 662,000 people have died from COVID-19 in Brazil, according to Johns Hopkins University.

Entire communities rally around the competing samba schools, whose shows are not only a source of pride but also employment since preparations require countless seamstresses, welders, costume designers and more.

Sao Paulo also kicked off its Carnival parade Friday evening. Both cities’ parades usually take place in February or March, but their mayors in January jointly announced they were postponing Carnival by two months due to concerns about the omicron variant.

The number of COVID-19 cases and deaths has plunged since then, and more than three-quarters of Brazilians are fully vaccinated, according to the country’s health ministry. Local authorities have allowed soccer matches with full attendance since

March.

Rio authorities said earlier this week those attending the parade would have to show proof of vaccination, but media reports showed that attendees had no trouble getting tickets or entering the Sambadrome without showing the required documents.

A seat in the bleachers cost about \$50, and the most expensive seats can cost more than \$1,260. Going out in one of the samba schools costs a lot for tourists, but it is often free for people who are involved with the parade all year round, like 66-year-old Juciara do Nascimento Santos. She was among the revelers starting this year’s parade with the Imperatriz Leopoldinense samba school.

“We had to take care of ourselves during this time so we could be here today celebrating life,” said Santos, who has paraded with Imperatriz Leopoldinense since 1984. This time she was in the section of the baianas, often reserved for the oldest women of each samba school. Many of these samba schools reported they lost many of their baianas to the virus.

Israel closes crossing to Gaza workers after rockets are fired

By Joseph Krauss
and Fares Akram
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel said Saturday that it would close its border crossing to thousands of Gaza workers after a series of rockets were fired from the territory ruled by the Hamas group in recent days.

Palestinians denounced the move as “collective punishment” of the impoverished territory’s 2 million residents, who have lived under an Israeli-Egyptian blockade since Hamas seized power from rival Palestinian forces nearly 15 years ago.

The rocket fire came amid near-daily violence at a flashpoint Jerusalem holy site over the past week, with Palestinians hurling stones and fireworks and Israeli police entering the compound and firing rubber-coated bullets and stun grenades.

The violence in Jerusalem, and a string of deadly attacks inside Israel and raids across the occupied West Bank, have raised fears of another conflict between Israel and Hamas like the one that broke out under similar circumstances last year.

Israel said Palestinian militants fired two rockets late Friday, with one landing in an open area inside Israel and the other falling inside Gaza. Palestinian media reported that two Gaza residents were wounded by the rocket that fell short. There was no immediate comment from health officials.

Another rocket was fired from Gaza early Saturday, but the military did not say where it landed. There were no reports of casualties or damage.

The Israeli military body that coordinates civilian affairs in Gaza said the crossing used by workers would not be reopened on Sunday, the start of the work week.



A police officer stands behind a gate at a border crossing on Saturday in Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip. MAHMUD HAMS/GETTY-AFP

“The reopening of the crossing will be decided accordingly with a security assessment,” it said in a statement.

In recent months, Israel had issued thousands of work permits to Palestinians from Gaza, which has been under a crippling Israeli and Egyptian blockade since Hamas seized power from rival Palestinian forces nearly 15 years ago.

Israel portrayed the move as a goodwill gesture in order to maintain calm, but the permits — which can be revoked at any time — also give it a strong form of leverage over Palestinians. Israel grants permits to some 12,000 Palestinians in Gaza and over 100,000 to Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, mostly for work in construction and other menial jobs.

The Gaza workers union said the closure was “collective punishment” and would hurt the already suffering economy, where unemployment hovers around 50%. It said the timing of the closure, just before the Eid al-Fitr holiday marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan, would compound the pain for families struggling to make ends meet.

Sami Amassi, the head of the union, said the permits

themselves were meant to “exploit” the workers for political purposes, rather than improve their lives.

Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem said the move “aims at tightening the siege and is a form of aggression that we cannot accept.”

Israel captured east Jerusalem — which includes major holy sites sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims — along with the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in the 1967 war. The Palestinians want all three territories to form their future state.

Israel annexed east Jerusalem in a move not recognized internationally, and has built Jewish settlements across the occupied West Bank that now house nearly 500,000 settlers alongside nearly 3 million Palestinians. There have been no substantive peace talks in more than a decade.

The violence in Jerusalem has been centered on the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site in Islam. Jews consider the hilltop on which it is built to be their holiest site, and refer to it as the Temple Mount because it was the location of two Jewish temples in antiquity.

The site lies at the emotional heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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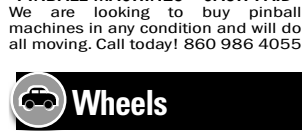
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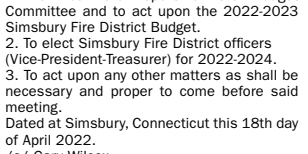
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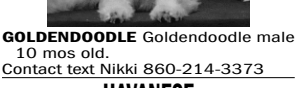
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- ACROSS**

1 What flowers eventually do

5 Children's character who sings "I Love Trash"

10 Ending with bald or bold

14 Issa of "The Lovebirds"

17 On the drink

18 Must pay back

19 Gross-sounding plant?

20 Toll maker

21 List from 1 to ...

22 Overhead lights?

23 Spirit of a culture

24 Shoots the breeze

25 One might help with a connection

27 Apt facial hair for a teacher?

30 "Excuse me ..."

32 Rumrunner, e.g.

33 Lime-A-____ (alcoholic beverage)

34 Daughter of Polonius, in Shakespeare

37 Admitted it, with "up"

38 ¥

39 Bob Marley and the Wailers, for one

41 Passionate (about)

42 Chills

46 Button often denoted by a right arrow

47 China makes up much of it

50 Big brass

51 Like almost all prime numbers

52 Lay down, in a way

54 Word before shot and after hot

55 Spiritual object

56 Words with "with words"

57 It "lifts the veil from the hidden beauty of the world, and
- makes familiar objects be as if they were not familiar," per Percy Bysshe Shelley

60 Bea Arthur was one before her acting career

61 Church minister

64 Breakfast brand tagline

65 Taking Rx drugs

66 People in a long line, perhaps

67 Covered in long, soft hair

68 Jupiter and Mars

69 It's spineless

70 Private aid grp.

71 "Vital" things

73 Stock paper, for short?

76 Orchestral prelude to an opera

78 Fairy-tale sibling

80 Beer _____, drinking/running event

81 Deems right

82 Apt name for a landscaper?

83 "On the other hand, I could be wrong"

86 Crony

87 One of a pair of kitchen tools

90 Like anomalies

91 Chrysler offering of the 1980s

93 Wrestling duos

95 Over-the-counter seller

96 Engaged in some circular reasoning

99 Put on

102 First line in a news story

103 Congas and bongos

104 _____ room

106 Name that rhymes with "edgy"

107 You are: Sp.

108 Essays

109 Attack tactic

110 Dragon-roll ingredients
- 111 Foreign exchange abbr.

112 Big name in skate shoes

113 Cartomancy medium

114 Broadway musical centered on two girls in love, with "The"

DOWN

1 Affable

2 Golfer Aoki

3 Help out

4 Pay attention

5 "How fancy!"

6 Exchange

7 Big star

8 Many, many

9 The "R" of Edward R. Murrow

10 Kicked the ball between the legs of, in soccer slang

11 What Beatles music did at Abbey Road, famously

12 Clean extensively

13 Back talk

14 Undergo a chemical change

15 A Greek letter? Abbr.

16 Something _____

19 Goes off on

20 Things that might get written down on sticky notes

26 "Scary" Spice Girl

28 Response to "Who's there?"

29 Some purchases for Christmas displays

31 Unaccounted for, for short

34 Ish

35 Identified

36 On edge

38 Safecrackers, in old-fashioned slang

40 Rapper Kool Moe _____

42 Sight at a winery
- 43 Body feature that approximately 10 percent of people have

44 Plumbing pipe known as a trap

45 Brings under control

48 Chord whose notes are played in succession

49 Comedian's stage prop

50 Welsh guy

52 Something intricately detailed and impressive

53 Without

54 Expecting, in slang

56 Most valued card in the deck

58 Rock type

59 Big name in chicken

60 Dream idly

61 Chinese qipao, e.g.

62 Jazz pianist Blake who composed "Shuffle Along"

63 Unrivaled

64 The Evian Championship is one of its majors: Abbr.

68 Formal festivities

70 Critic's pick?

72 Absolute beaut

73 Resident of the capital of Manitoba

74 Plod

75 Ballet jump

77 Zilch

78 Maker of Ding Dongs and Twinkies

79 Puts up

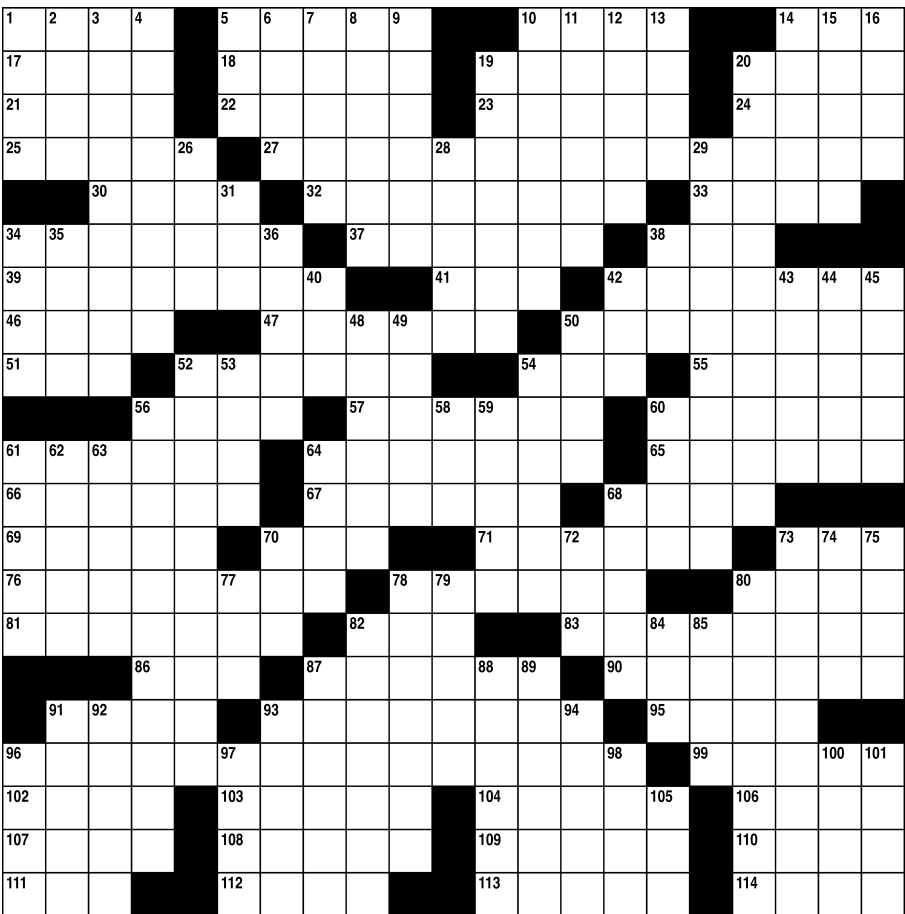
80 Cooking ahead of time, say

82 Chickpeas and peanuts, for two

84 1/1 'til present: Abbr.

85 "La" place in L.A.

87 Actress Anna of "True Bloods"



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- 88 News updates, with "the"
- 89 "Othello" character who quips, "They are all but stomachs, and we all but food"
- 91 Beer parties
- 92 Granted through a treaty
- 93 Land in Rome
- 94 On the wagon
- 96 _____ cheese
- 97 Purchase for the den
- 98 Mission cancellation
- 100 Title Disney character from Hawaii
- 101 Polite agreement
- 105 What you might get on a log flume ride

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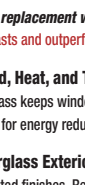
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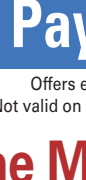
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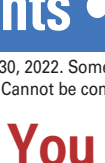
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‘The case of the mystery teacher’

Lawmakers recall odd provision allegedly traced to Diamantis as a freshman state representative

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — They called it The Case of the Mystery Teacher. More than 25 years ago, several young House Republican legislators were baffled about an obscure provision buried in an omnibus education bill that came up during the final, frenzied days of a busy legislative session. The provision would change the law by automatically restoring an expired teaching certificate without taking any of the mandatory exams, but it was so

narrowly written that the lawmakers thought the special exception most likely applied to only one person — likely a legislator, lobbyist, or Capitol insider. The problem was that — despite asking as many key Democratic legislators and staff as they could — the lawmakers said they could not figure who the special deal was for. That violated the Capitol protocol whereby lawmakers would privately reveal who the provision would impact and then make a decision whether it should be approved.

The Republicans set out on a mission to uncover the mystery teacher, and they believed they had narrowed it down to a then young, freshman Democratic legislator from Bristol named Kosta Diamantis. The savvy legislators offered an amendment that successfully stripped the provision out of the omnibus bill, but Diamantis missed nine votes on various amendments on a day that he was at the Capitol. The intrigue continued. “It was so specific and nuanced that we said, ‘This is for somebody. What’s going on?’” recalled former House Republican leader

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Former state legislator Kosta Diamantis was a freshman lawmaker in 1994 when he missed a vote to restore a provisional teaching license to a former teacher who had since become a lawyer. FILE

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Cases up, but mandates missing

Statewide measures remain absent despite rise of BA.2 subvariant

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are once again rising in Connecticut — a result of the BA.2 subvariant — causing a sense of déjà vu for pandemic-weary residents. This time, however, one key element of previous coronavirus waves is conspicuously absent: broad control measures designed to slow the spread of the virus. Statewide mask mandate? Long gone. Statewide school mask mandate? Gone as well. Local masking rules? Gone from nearly every Connecticut municipality. Restrictions on large gatherings or indoor activities? None to speak of. Last week the state announced it wouldn’t even mandate masks in hospital settings, though Connecticut’s major health systems have chosen to require them anyway. To some extent, officials say, the lack of control measures at this stage of the pandemic reflects the changing reality of COVID-19. Recent variants, though highly infectious, have caused less severe illness than previous strains. Connecticut has a high rate of vaccination, plus high levels of natural immunity from last winter’s surge. Meanwhile, testing and treatment are more accessible than ever.

Officials also cite pandemic fatigue after more than two years of precautions. Michael Maniscalco, town manager in South Windsor, said the mask mandate there is likely gone for good as residents learn to live with COVID-19. “I haven’t talked to a single person who doesn’t want to not do COVID anymore,” Maniscalco said. “I think everybody is over the whole pandemic at this point and really wishes we could get back to normal business as best we can.”

Whether or not Connecticut residents are done with COVID-19, it’s not clear that the disease is done with them. As of Wednesday, the state had recorded a 7.7% test positivity rate over the past week, the highest since early February, while cases and hospitalizations had increased as well, apparently due to the spread of BA.2. Still, the mask mandates and other restrictions don’t seem likely to return soon. “People know what they need to do to keep themselves and their loved ones safe,” Max Reiss, a spokesperson for Gov. Ned Lamont, said Friday. “We’re past the point of mandates not only being necessary but also being effective.” Akash Kaza, a spokesperson for Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, said Wednesday that the city is not considering new restrictions because the community has “the tools to mitigate” COVID-19 without them. New Haven, which has been Connecticut’s most aggressive city when it comes to pandemic restrictions, still requires masks in schools and public buildings but not for the broader popula-



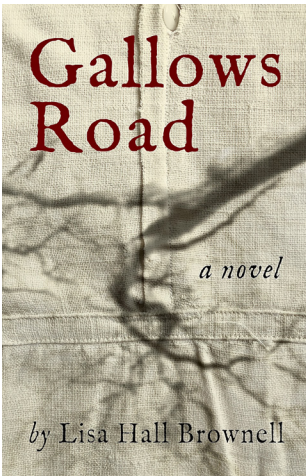
TELLING HER STORY

Historical novel inspired by young mother executed for killing her baby in 1753 in New London

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Little is known about Sarah Bramble, who was executed in 1753 in New London on charges she killed her illegitimate baby. The young servant’s mystery has fascinated Lisa Hall Brownell since she learned about her as a teen. Brownell took that slim story and expanded on it in her new novel “Gallows Road.” Existing historical records don’t say much about Bramble except that she denied killing the baby but was found guilty. The offices of King George II issued her death warrant, Bramble signed her final statement with an “X” and she was hanged in front of a huge crowd. Since there was no nonfiction way to know more, Brownell created her own story: She changed Sarah’s name to Mercy and gave her a sad back story, friends, enemies, hopes, dreams and a clear conscience.

“I wanted to convey that the ‘truth’ in some



historic records can be slanted, depending on who is telling the story. What is missing or omitted from a written record is just as important as what is documented,” said Brownell, of Ledyard. “‘What if’ and ‘Why?’ are the most frequent questions that I asked myself. ... I wanted the freedom to explore circumstances and emotions that were undocumented in the 1750s.” In her research, Brownell reached into an era when New London had no newspaper, female illiteracy was common and, most damaging, a legendary evildoer obliterated the city and information it held. “One of the real villains of ‘Gallows Road’ is the traitor Benedict Arnold, who burned New London in 1781, thereby erasing much of its early history,” she said. That fire, on Sept. 6, 1781, gutted more than 140 buildings, as well as ships. A gunpowder transport ship exploded, fueling the fire even more.

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TOP: Lisa Hall Brownell, a New London native and author of the fact-based novel “Gallows Road,” stands in an area of the city where executions took place in the pre-Colonial era. COURTESY PHOTOS

Spring Boat Show is coming

Sixth annual event will help a shoreline cancer support group

Staff report

The sixth Connecticut Spring Boat Show is scheduled for April 29, 30, and May 1 at Safe Harbor Essex Island, in Essex, according to organizers. The boat show aims to raise money for Sails Up 4 Cancer, a nonprofit organization supporting cancer care, education, prevention and research, according to organizers. Sails Up 4 Cancer will benefit from 50% of ticket sales proceeds, organizers said. “Last year’s show raised \$22,000 for the non-profit. Show attendees will have an ideal opportunity to compare different boats, dealers and options in one beautiful location,” organizers said in a statement. “In addition to boats on the docks, the show will have over 30 exhibitors on display including yacht brokers, boat gear, artists, accessories, and service companies on the lawn.” Visitors will have a chance to see more than 40 new and brokerage, power and sail boat models of different sizes, including Aquasport, Axopar, Beneteau, BlackFin, Brig, Century, Duffy Electric Boat, Eastern, Hansen, M.J.M., Monterey, Nimbus, Norstard, Pioneer, Protector, Sabre, SeaBorn, SeaFox, Southport, Vanquish and other boat brands, organizers said in the statement. A feature of the in-water show offers interested boat buyers select opportunities for sea trials during the weekend; thus, a ‘try-before-you-buy’ opportunity, organizers said in the statement.

Schedule

Friday, April 29
2 to 3 p.m.: Fast Women, Hydroplane Racing on the Connecticut River will be presented by Amy Trout, Curator of the Connecticut River Museum. She will cover the era of speed racing on the Connecticut River during the first forty years of the Twentieth Century, before America’s entry into World War II.
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.: Richard H. Shriver, Publisher of Estuary Magazine, will present a talk about the Connecticut River’s past, present and future detailing its long and peaceful past until the industrial revolution, followed by years of abuse, then partial recovery, and a bright outlook today.

Saturday, April 30
1 to 4 p.m.: Bucket List: Newport Bermuda Race, presented by the Cruising Club of America. Whether it is your first time or your tenth or you are planning to sail in 2024, these sessions will provide valuable and fun insights.
1 p.m.: Rives Potts, president of Safe Harbor Marinas and two-time winner of the Race, will open with the key points on what you need to compete and to have a shot at doing well. He will be joined by Paul Jennings and Dick Holliday from the

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Cruising Club of America to talk about how they help first-time skippers doing the Race. **2 p.m.:** Frank Bohlen, professor of Marine Sciences Emeritus from UConn has long been considered an expert on the weather and the Gulf Stream. He will talk about the best approach to using forecasts and what the Stream has in store this year. **3 p.m.:** Ed Cesare is Commodore of the Storm Trysail Club and has sailed in 18 Newport to Bermuda Races, 8 of those as Navigator. He

will discuss how he prepares for the Race. **4 p.m.:** Chad Corning, a professional race boat program manager and world champion will talk about boat and crew optimization and how to prepare your team to consistently sail the boat fast as she can safely go. **Note:** Attendees should arrive with plenty of time to take the ferry across to the show and these presentations. **Sunday, May 1 12:30 p.m.:** Captain Mike Roy is the founder and operator of Reel Cast Charters and will speak on his specialty, fishing in shallow waters for big stripers with light

tackle. Also Joining Mike will be The Sound Keeper Bill Lucey from Save The Sound. He will discuss the huge improvements to water quality in the CT River and eastern Long Island Sound and how to keep that progress moving. **1:30 p.m.:** Frank Bohlen, UConn Professor of Marine Sciences Emeritus, will join Mike to talk about weather, currents, and their impact on fishing in both Long Island and Block Island Sounds. **2 p.m.:** Matt Stone, a 19 year veteran kayak fisherman will share tactics, tips and preparation geared toward kayak fishing for striped bass. **3 p.m.:** Captain Brian Moskey,

will talk about offshore tuna fishing and the benefits to being proactive, different fishing methods to lead towards more consistent success. The 3-Day CT Spring Boat Show tickets are \$20 per adult and free for children 13 and under, granting access to the show and talks all weekend long, rain or shine. 50% of the proceeds will benefit Sails Up 4 Cancer, a non-profit organization and local charity who distributes funds to families impacted by cancer, organizers said. Advance tickets can be purchased by visiting: www.ctspringboatshow.com. The show is a production of WindCheck Magazine and hosted

by Essex Island Safe Harbor Marina. Show sponsors include Essex Boat Works, Essex Steam Train and Riverboat, Gowrie Group, and Yacht Brokers Association of America, organizers said. Visit www.ctspringboatshow.com for more event details. Contact Ben Cesare of WindCheck Magazine at ben@windcheckmagazine.com for dealer and vendor application information. Sails Up 4 Cancer is a non-profit organization based in Mystic. SU4C is dedicated to supporting cancer care, education, prevention and research along the Shoreline and Southeastern regions of Connecticut. For more, visit SU4C.org.

Diamantis

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Lawrence Cafero, who was a freshman at the time. “That’s what drew flies to it. It was so narrow.” Now, decades later, Cafero and other legislators have remembered the story as Diamantis vaulted into the headlines after he was fired by Gov. Ned Lamont as the state’s deputy budget director. Eyes were on Diamantis after questions were raised when chief state’s attorney Richard Colangelo hired the daughter of Diamantis for a state job paying \$99,000 per year as an executive assistant at the same time that Colangelo was seeking pay raises for fellow prosecutors and himself. Diamantis himself was earning nearly \$200,000 per year when he was fired eight days after the state received a subpoena from a federal grand jury as the FBI was investigating how contracts were awarded in the school construction program overseen by Diamantis. After legislators, attorneys, and nonpartisan staff said they did not know the author, Diamantis eventually said that he had, in fact, authored the provision. But he said it was not for himself. Instead, he said it was for a constituent whom he would not name. The exception was so narrow that it applied only to former teachers who were now lawyers,

doctors and accountants and wanted to return to teaching. In addition, the person had to hold a provisional teaching certificate that expired during a narrow, four-month window: between June 1, 1987 and September 30, 1987. As a lawyer who once held a provisional teaching certificate, Diamantis fit the description. In addition, public records at the state education department showed that his teaching certificate expired on June 30, 1987 — during the tight, four-month window mentioned in the bill. Norm Pattis, Diamantis’ attorney in the federal probe, downplayed the incident and declined to make his client available for an interview. “Here’s all we’re going to say on that. Let sleeping teachers’ licenses lie,” Pattis said. “Mr. Diamantis has bigger fish to fry than that. ... Twenty years ago. I mean, seriously?” Back in May 1994, Cafero was still learning the system as a freshman legislator who had been elected in the same year as Diamantis. He was also a member of the education committee and was in the small group that spotted the intriguing provision in the bill that raised eyebrows. The provision for the teacher ordered the state education commissioner to automatically reissue a teaching certificate to replace one that had expired. The

exception would have allowed the person it was intended to benefit to avoid taking the mandatory tests and meeting the course requirements that all teachers must complete for recertification. Diamantis, at the time, initially said he did not have the details of the amendment because he was not present in the chamber during the lengthy debate. Later, he denied that the provision was for him, but added that he requested the legislation for a constituent. But he would not name the constituent. He reiterated that the provision was not for him. “I heard a rumor to that effect,” Diamantis said at the time. “The answer is no. ... Let me make it perfectly clear. It wasn’t for me.” He added, “I’m not involved in the screening process. I wasn’t here. My brother-in-law got shot in Meriden” not long before the bill was debated. Cafero, who eventually served for 22 years in the legislature, says now that by pure chance he saw Diamantis at the Capitol while the 3 ½-hour debate was continuing. “I remember that, as freshmen, no one ever, ever wanted to miss a vote,” said Cafero, who later became House Republican leader. “You always look up at the board, and you see who didn’t vote. We noticed that Kosta, who was a fellow freshman at the time, hadn’t voted a couple of times.”

Cafero said he soon headed downstairs to the snack bar in the Capitol basement. “I went down to get a coffee in between votes, and there he was,” Cafero recalled in an interview. “And the bell rang [to vote], and I came back up. I noticed that Kosta didn’t come up to vote. I happened to mention that [to fellow Republicans], and they said, ‘Why didn’t he come up if he’s in the building?’” As a freshman, Cafero said he did not yet know all the complicated nuances of legislation. But he knew the cardinal rule that was emphasized to freshmen was never to miss a vote. “When I saw him down getting coffee and the bell rang, and he missed the next couple of votes, that’s what raised everyone’s attention,” Cafero said. He added, “To miss a vote and be in the building, that was unheard of.” House records show that Diamantis missed nine roll-call votes during the education debate, including the teaching amendment. He had been present for the last vote before the education bill, and then he returned for the first vote after the bill had been finished at about midnight. “Why don’t you ask Mr. Cafero if he knows where Jimmy Hoffa is?” Pattis asked. “Mr. Cafero has got this kind of memory? I want to ask him if he knows where Jimmy Hoffa is.”

Months after the incident, Connecticut Magazine published its traditional survey of legislators that included rankings in various categories. Diamantis was a runner-up among legislators “not to be trusted.” The survey was mentioned by his Republican opponents during at least two campaigns, but Diamantis dismissed it by saying the magazine’s chairman at the time, Arthur Diedrick, was a Republican with close ties to then-Gov. John G. Rowland. Pattis noted that the anonymous survey was the view of politicians. “In our political culture, that sounds like a vote of honor,” Pattis said. “When a bunch of thieves say they can’t trust you, that must mean you are an honest man.” Fast-forward more than 25 years from the Capitol coffee stand. Cafero was still involved in education as chairman of a public charter school in his hometown of Norwalk. In that position, he had dealings with Diamantis several years ago regarding construction of a new, \$3.6 million charter school building to replace some cramped, portable classrooms. “It was a very pleasant experience — very above-board,” Cafero said of Diamantis. “He was very helpful in the process regarding the charter school.”

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WEEKLY MARKET RUNDOWN

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Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	2193.62	3030.93	2392.71	-141.89	-5.6	▼	▼	-17.4	9.6	■■■■	23.8	21	...		Lincoln Natl Corp	LNC	56.41	56.41	77.57	64.95	0.03	0.0	▼	▼	-4.8	9.0	■■■■	3.0	9	2.8
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Amphenol Corp	APH	64.13	88.45	69.44	-0.94	-1.3	▼	▼	-20.6	6.8	■■■■	16.1	27	1.2		Meta Platforms Inc	FB	185.58	185.58	384.33	184.11	-26.07	-12.4	▼	▼	-45.3	-37.6	■■■■	5.5	13	...
Apple Inc	AAPL	122.25	182.94	161.79	-3.50	-2.1	▼	▼	-8.9	25.3	■■■■	36.8	44	0.5		MetaLife Inc	MET	55.21	55.21	73.18	69.56	-1.08	-1.5	▼	▲	11.3	17.3	■■■■	12.0	10	2.8
Avangrid Inc	AGR	42.20	55.57	47.60	-1.33	-2.7	▲	▲	-4.6	-3.2	■■■■	5.6	24	3.7		Micron Tech	MU	65.67	65.67	98.45	69.41	-1.72	-1.0	▼	▼	-25.5	-20.4	■■■■	21.1	14	0.6
Bank of America	BAC	36.51	50.11	37.56	-0.01	0.0	▼	▼	-15.6	2.6	■■■■	13.2	11	2.2		Microsoft Corp	MSFT	238.07	238.07	349.67	274.03	-5.80	-2.1	▼	▼	-18.5	8.7	■■■■	34.4	31	0.9
Barnes Group	B	35.45	56.98	37.78	1.84	5.1	▼	▼	-18.9	-22.3	■■■■	4.3	19	1.7		Novartis AG	NVS	79.09	79.09	95.17	89.21	-3.31	-3.6	▲	▲	2.0	5.2	■■■■	10.3	8	3.4
Booking Holdings	BKNG	1796.45	2715.66	2213.87	-13.42	-0.6	▼	▼	-7.7	-5.0	■■■■	5.0	>99	...		Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	134.59	134.59	346.47	195.15	-17.43	-8.2	▼	▼	-33.6	31.5	■■■■	51.5	51	...
Brist Myr Sqb	BMJ	53.22	78.17	75.75	-1.76	-2.3	▲	▲	21.5	20.1	■■■■	10.1	24	2.9		Otis Worldwide Corp	OTIS	69.83	69.83	92.84	73.42	-1.33	-1.8	▼	▼	-15.7	7.2	■■■■	0.0	25	1.3
CVS Health Corp	CVS	74.97	111.25	101.68	-1.45	-1.4	▼	▼	-1.4	40.5	■■■■	7.8	18	2.2		Pfizer Inc	PFE	37.96	37.96	61.71	48.13	-4.99	-9.4	▼	▼	-18.5	28.2	■■■■	12.1	14	3.3
Carrier Global Corp	CARR	40.96	58.89	41.67	0.39	0.9	▼	▼	-23.2	.6	■■■■	0.0	...	1.2		Pitney Bowes	PBI	4.37	4.37	10.06	4.56	-0.24	-5.0	▼	▼	-31.2	-41.0	■■■■	-12.7	...	4.4
Charter Commun	CHTR	517.81	825.62	511.37	-43.95	-7.9	▼	▼	-21.6	-20.5	■■■■	8.9	23	...		Prudential Fnc	PRU	94.51	94.51	124.22	115.83	-1.41	-1.2	▼	▲	7.0	27.1	■■■■	5.8	6	4.1
Cigna Corp	CI	191.74	272.81	255.06	-4.15	-1.6	▲	▲	11.1	6.2	■■■■	11.7	16	1.8		Pub Svc Ent Gr	PEG	58.96	58.96	75.61	73.88	1.08	1.5	▲	▲	10.7	20.8	■■■■	13.6	25	6.9
CocaCola Co	KO	52.28	67.00	65.25	0.23	0.4	▲	▲	10.2	24.4	■■■■	11.5	32	2.7		Raytheon Technolog	RTX	76.07	76.07	106.02	100.49	-3.78	-3.6	▼	▲	16.8	31.6	■■■■	9.6	46	2.0
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	44.27	61.80	45.38	-2.20	-4.6	▼	▼	-9.8	-12.3	■■■■	6.1	22	2.4		Rogers Corp	ROG	172.84	172.84	274.51	272.80	0.13	0.0	▲	—	-0.1	36.7	■■■■	26.1	48	...
Disney	DIS	121.28	190.33	118.27	-12.20	-9.4	▼	▼	-23.6	-33.6	■■■■	2.1	>99	...		S&S Technologies	SSNC	68.15	68.15	84.85	68.69	-2.39	-3.4	▼	▼	-16.2	.3	■■■■	14.9	45	0.9
DuPont de Nemours	DD	66.37	86.28	67.29	-1.41	-2.1	▼	▼	-16.7	-8.5	■■■■	-1.3	6	2.0		Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	SIRI	5.75	5.75	7.29	6.25	-0.21	-3.3	▼	▲	-1.6	4.4	■■■■	6.3	>99	1.4
EMCOR Group Inc	EME	107.79	135.98	113.85	-3.00	-2.6	▼	▼	-10.6	-1.9	■■■■	13.6	19	0.3		Snap Inc A	SNAP	24.32	24.32	83.34	29.76	-3.43	-10.3	▼	▼	-36.7	-49.5	■■■■	7.1	...	...
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	7.75	12.08	11.28	-0.25	-2.2	▲	▲	37.1	53.9	■■■■	-1.6	9	6.2		Stanley Black & Deck	SWK	136.62	136.62	225.00	141.49	-1.17	0.8	▲	▲	-25.0	-28.6	■■■■	2.8	14	2.2
Ethan Allen	ETD	22.02	32.15	25.80	0.54	2.1	▲	▲	-1.9	.9	■■■■	1.5	8	4.5		Taiwan Semicon	TSM	96.91	96.91	145.00	95.68	-2.68	-2.7	▼	▼	-20.5	-15.2	■■■■	27.1	11	1.6
Eversource Energy	ES	78.44	94.63	92.00	-0.60	-0.6	▲	▲	1.1	6.7	■■■■	11.6	27	2.8		Terex Corp	TEX	32.11	32.11	55.60	34.12	-0.69	-2.0	▼	▼	-22.4	-22.2	■■■■	3.1	13	1.5
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	52.10	91.51	85.13	-2.70	-3.1	▼	▼	39.1	61.7	■■■■	5.2	16	4.1		Tesla Inc	TSLA	546.98	546.98	1243.49	1005.05	20.05	2.0	▼	▲	-4.9	35.6	■■■■	75.2	>99	...
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Freeport McMoRan	FCX	30.02	51.99	41.91	-7.28	-14.8	▼	▲	0.4	26.5	■■■■	30.3	14	0.7		Uber Technologies	UBER	28.28	28.28	60.22	30.83	-1.85	-5.7	▼	▼	-26.5	-43.2	■■■■	0.0	...	...
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	3.40	12.62	4.41	-0.85	-16.2	▼	▼	-15.2	-51.1	■■■■	-24.1	...	...		UnitedHealth Group	UNH	383.12	383.12	553.29	520.94	-13.88	-2.6	▲	▲	3.7	36.2	■■■■	26.7	32	1.1
Gen Dynamics	GD	182.66	254.99	238.79	-4.95	-2.0	▼	▼	14.5	32.8	■■■■	6.8	21	2.0		Virtus Invest	VRTS	197.24	197.24	338.80	196.64	-6.36	-3.1	▼	▼	-33.8	-17.9	■■■■	14.2	13	3.1
Gen Electric	GE	85.29	116.17	89.07	-1.76	-1.9	▼	▼	-5.7	-13.8	■■■■	-15.1	...	0.4		Voya Financial	VOYA	58.97	58.97	74.97	66.45	-1.11	-1.6	▼	▼	0.2	3.2	■■■■	13.9	4	1.2
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Honeywell Intl	HON	174.42	236.86	190.63	-4.56	-2.3	▼	▼	-8.6	-13.3	■■■■	11.8	24	2.1		White Mtns Insur	WMT	978.51	978.51	1243.00	1041.57	-31.34	-2.9	▼	▲	2.7	-11.0	■■■■	4.5	18	0.1
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	13.21	19.08	13.78	-0.31	-2.2	▼	▼	-13.4	-3.4	■■■■	11.7	10	8.7		World Wrestling Ent	WWE	46.81	46.81	70.72	60.99	0.98	1.6	▼	▲	23.6	8.9	■■■■	24.9	39	0.8
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Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	2.76	10.33	2.87	-0.33	-10.3	▼	▼	-42.5	-68.7	■■■■	-14.5	...	...		Xerox Holdings Corp	XRX	16.07	16.07	26.94	17.13	-1.66	-8.8	▼	▼	-24.3	-27.1	■■■■	-4.9	12	5.8
Intel Corp	INTC	43.63	64.74	46.54	0.87	1.9	▼	▼	-9.6	-23.2	■■■■	8.2	9	3.1		Yamana Gold Inc	AUY	3.70	3.70	6.40	5.91	-0.30	-4.8	▲	▲	40.0	24.6	■■■■	16.0	35	2.0
Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Three year return shown for stocks trading less than five years (indicated by "a"). Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (■■■■) to bottom 20 percent (■■■■).																															

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Happy employees perform best (with a twist)

By Jeff Haden | Inc.

Ask the average leader what they do to improve employee performance and you tend to hear the usual suspects. Provide the right tools and resources. Set and measure progress towards meaningful targets. Offer developmental opportunities. Build a great culture. What you'll rarely hear is making sure employees are happy.

A study recently published in the Journal of Happiness Studies shows employee well-being and happiness accurately predicts employee performance.

Researchers who spent seven years studying over 900,000 soldiers found that high positive affect, low negative affect and high optimism predicted awards for performance and heroism.

Or in non-researcher-speak, happy people perform better.

How much better? The most positive and optimistic soldiers were four times more likely to receive awards than the least positive and optimistic soldiers.

Of course, you could argue the relationship is correlational, not causal. High performers could result in happier people. Since high performers tend to receive more recognition and praise, tend to feel more like part of the team, tend to get promoted more frequently, etc. (Instead of my happiness driving my performance, maybe I'm happy because I'm doing so well.)

But here's the thing: Negative affect (read: I'm kind of miserable) predicted lower performance. How many unhappy employees somehow magically turn the performance corner on their own?

In my experience, very few. They need help turning that corner. Encouragement. Opportunity. Someone who believes in them, possibly even before they believe in themselves. The research bears that out as well. While employee well-being predicted performance, the researchers found that well-being most strongly predicts performance between unfavorable and moderate well-being.

In short, "deliriously happy" is great, but "fairly happy" is very powerful.

The researchers write: "There was a greater increase in the probability of attaining an award between low and moderate positive affect, compared to moderate and high positive affect. Affect is more strongly related to award attainment when going from unfavorable to moderate, rather than moderate to favorable.

"Thus, successful workers are substantially less likely to be unhappy individuals, but moderate happiness was sufficient in our study to produce most of the benefits."

That's good news for all the startup founders and small business owners whose resources are limited, and who can't afford to provide all the frills and perks people tend to think of — even though most of them really don't work — when they want to create a happier work environment.

While trying to make happy employees even happier is an admirable goal, the key is to fix some of the things that make people less happy. Eliminating major negatives? That will have a much larger impact than providing incremental positives.

Take meetings, for example. Since nearly half of employees surveyed feel overwhelmed by the number of meetings they have to attend, eliminating unnecessary meetings (and by unnecessary, I mean almost all) will immediately improve employee optimism and well-being.

The same is true for off-hours email. Since most employees assume a quick response is required — even if you don't expect one — receiving off-hours emails increases their stress and anxiety, and lowers their overall well-being. Set expectations for response time — or stop sending off-hours emails — and you can immediately improve employee happiness.

Creating a workplace that promotes employee optimism and well-being isn't just the warm and fuzzy thing to do. Fostering optimism and well-being is also the productivity-improving, performance-boosting, bottom-line-results thing to do. Can't beat that.



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6 aspects of your life that suffer when you don't get enough sleep

By Diana Shi | Fast Company

It's a well-known fact that many of us are sleep-deprived. We try to convince ourselves that less sleep each night can add up to increased productivity, or at least a little more free time to continue scrolling TikTok. But the benefits of sleep cannot be understated.

The dream-conducive REM stage of sleep is critical for helping our brains process and organize relevant information from our waking hours. To put it simply: What we do during our sleep is what makes what we take in during the day useful.

According to a Gallup study, 16% of Americans get six hours of sleep or less. There are plenty of distractions — with constantly evolving technology making it more difficult to get a good night's sleep — and added pressure, especially as so many employees are logging more hours working than they did pre-pandemic. Parents and caregivers have been especially squeezed.

But the truth remains: When we neglect to bank the seven to eight hours of nightly snooze time recommended by experts, many aspects of our life are affected.

Your focus

Without sleep, our minds get foggy, and we struggle to form mental connections. In the short term, we may turn to coffee and other stimulants to help get through the day. Unfortunately, this is no match for sufficient rest time.

According to sleep specialist and psychotherapist Heather Turgeon, not only does getting insufficient sleep negatively affect the area of our brain associated with our working memory, but it also allows brain toxins to pile up.

"Not getting enough restorative sleep [can] interrupt the formation of memories," Turgeon said. "During the day, we might not feel as sharp, and we may not have as clear a grasp on the information we learned."

Your creativity

When we get enough sleep, we not only feel more awake during the day, but we may also be more creative. Research from Cardiff University, as covered by The Atlantic, suggests that the two stages of sleep (non-REM and REM) help us make connections between concepts that do not immediately appear related, which is important for creativity. When you wake up from a good night's sleep, you may suddenly be able to see things differently and more clearly.

Dreams are another essential aspect of creativity. Stephen LaBerge, a Stanford academic who studies dreams, explained the phenomenon of lucid dreaming and its connection to stoking creativity. He described lucid dreaming as essentially "dreaming while conscious." By lucid dreaming, LaBerge argued that we're opened up to a new, judgment-free and even physics-defying playground in which to explore new ideas and thereby help us "hack" our creativity.

Your performance at work

Multiple studies show there are real eye-popping economic costs to workers not sleeping enough each night. One 2017 study estimates a cost of \$411 billion in 2015 dollars, or a 2.28% dip in the U.S. economy, due to loss of productivity from inadequate sleep.

Your mental health

Our mental health can gradually become worse with insufficient sleep, and worrying about not getting enough sleep can lead to more stress. A recent Gallup and Casper survey revealed that women and young people are most prone to feeling anxious if they anticipate getting insufficient sleep in the night ahead. The same study also notes that insufficient sleep can lead to a rise in absenteeism in the workplace.

"There is a bi-directional relationship between sleep and mental health," says Rebecca Robbins, Ph.D., an instructor at Harvard Medical School's sleep medicine division. "After a night of poor-quality or

insufficient sleep, we are at risk for mental health symptoms the following day, which can in turn hinder our sleep the following night, creating a vicious downward spiral."

Longer-term sleep problems have been connected to mood disorders, heightened mental distress and depression. But don't get too mired in a less-than-fulfilling night of rest, Robbins says. "We must [also] realize that sleep is not going to be perfect every night. If you find yourself prone toward negative moods after a night of poor sleep, learn to recognize your feeling could be due, in part, to insufficient sleep," she says. "[Instead,] develop strategies for balancing stressful experiences, which we can throw out of proportion when we are sleep-deprived."

Your emotional regulation

Your tendency to act impulsively can increase without sleep. Insufficient sleep can also deplete your typical levels of sociability and optimism, which are important for good mental health. Robbins says that insufficient sleep can cause us to act without thinking. "Unfortunately, [lack of sleep] places the fight-or-flight response in the brain on high alert. Research shows the amygdala — the brain region responsible for emotions — is simply much more active in sleep-deprived participants compared to well-rested participants."

Your physical safety

Going through a day with very little sleep can impair your ability to do physical tasks safely, including driving and operating heavy machinery. In fact, driving while sleepy can be just as harmful as driving while drunk. In a study from the British Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, researchers found that driving after staying awake for more than 17 hours was the equivalent of driving with a blood alcohol level (BAC) of 0.05% (which, generally speaking, translates to 2 drinks in the first hour).

An effective way to get yourself into a habit of good rest is to develop good sleep hygiene. This includes setting up a routine each night, situating your bed in a soothing space, and avoiding blue-lit screens at least 30 minutes before bedtime, according to recommendations from the National Sleep Foundation.



I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, 'A family like yours.' That's when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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Retirement benefits for federal workers explained



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If you have worked for the federal government for at least five years, you qualify for a retirement benefit. In addition, you can get retirement credit for any years of military service after 1956 if you pay a premium based on the amount of military pay. However, that is only applicable if you are not receiving a military retirement pension. You can receive retirement annuities from your work under either the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). You have the option of an immediate annuity or a deferred annuity.

Minimum retirement age (MRA): The minimum retirement age depends on your date of birth. If your birth date is before 1948, the MRA is 55. For a birth date in 1970 or later, the MRA is 57. Between those two dates the MRA is greater than 55 and less than 57.

Immediate annuity: You can retire at age 62 and start receiving an annuity if you worked for the federal government a total of five years. The work does not have to be consecutive or within the same federal agency. If you have at least 20 years of service, you can initiate your pension at age 60. If you are covered by CSRS, with 30 years of service, you can retire with a pension at 55. If you are covered by FERS, with 30 years of service, you can retire with a pension at your minimum retirement age (MRA).

Retirement eligibility for those laid off: If you were laid off prior to your MRA, there are other regulations. Under CSRS, if you were employed for at least one year in the two years immediately before you were laid off, and are 50, with 20 years of service, or any age with 25 years of service, you are eligible for an immediate annuity. Under FERS, the eligibility is the same as CSRS rules; you would not have to be employed within the two prior years.

Prior to your MRA, your annuity will be reduced from the full annuity by 2% for each year you are under 55.

Deferred annuity: If you terminate your federal employment prior to your MRA, you have the option of leaving your payroll contributions in the system or withdraw-



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ing them as a lump-sum distribution. If you leave the funds in the system, you can claim a retirement annuity at age 62. You are allowed to take the lump-sum contribution any time until 62. In this situation, you may want to review your options with a financial planner or other advisor prior to make your decision.

Naturally, if you choose the lump-sum distribution, you should withdraw your contributions immediately after you terminate employment. If you worked for a long time, waiting until 62 for the annuity is likely the best option.

Calculating benefits: Two factors are relevant. One item is the number of years of your employment. If you served in the military for at least five years and are not receiving a military pension, you can count those years of service. The second item is the highest average salary for three consecutive years of service; this is also known as your “high three-year average salary.” Both CSRS and FERS use these factors, but they are computed differently.

Online estimate: You can obtain an estimate of your benefits at www.opm.gov. Go to “retirement” and specify “calculations.”

Social Security issues with CSRS: CSRS workers are not covered by the Social Security (SS) system. However, if you also worked for other jobs covered by SS — if you worked long enough under SS (40 credits) — you would be eligible for both a CSRS annuity and SS retirement benefits. SS retirement benefits would be subject to pension offsets associated with the Windfall Elimination Provision.

Social Security and FERS: If all of your work with civil service was with FERS, you will also receive retirement benefits from SS without any offsets, because you will incur SS taxes with FERS the same way as all other workers covered by Social Security.

Survivor and disability benefits, and the Thrift Savings Plan: You can obtain information about these benefits from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (202-606-0400). See www.opm.gov/retirement-services. Another good source is NOLO’s “Social Security, Medicare & Government Pensions.”

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The Savage Truth

Living with inflation

A new generation of Americans is about to face the impact of inflation — on their daily lives, their financial decisions, their investment choices and their retirement lifestyle. While many pundits proclaim that this period of inflation will come to a quick end, history shows that inflation has always with a bang, not a whimper.

History tells us the only way to stop inflation is to slow the economic demand by slowing the economy. That slowdown comes from raising interest rates. Paul Volcker had the determination and discipline to do that in the early 1980s.

As Fed chairman, Volcker pushed the prime lending rate to 21%. Mortgage rates jumped to over 15%. And the economy moved into a steep recession. It worked — but not without pain.

Current Fed chair Jerome Powell tried to wish inflation away by pronouncing it transitory. But the Fed has just started to act. Interest rates remain historically low. And inflation is roaring.

The longer the Fed waits, the more likely we will see double-digit inflation in the coming months.

Even if the Fed moves soon and more strongly than expected, policy always works with a lag. That means a slowdown (recession?) would come at exactly the wrong time — at election time.

Will Powell have Volcker’s guts to ignore politics and act strongly and immediately? That is the big question. But make no mistake: Either way there will be pain. Higher mortgage rates will slow the housing market and spending.

But there’s more upward pressure on prices to come. Ukraine is Europe’s breadbasket — and harvests this year are predicted to be from 20% to 40% lower this year, while their ports are blocked, limiting exports. Shortages can only lead to higher food prices — and even hunger.

This coming period of inflation will be devastating for retirees living on fixed incomes. For 2022, Social Security checks jumped 5.9% (though impacted by higher Medicare premiums). The latest predictions suggest an 8.9% increase in Social Security checks for 2023. But that still likely won’t keep up with increased costs in everything from rents to food.

Stocks have always been a good hedge against inflation — over the long run of at least 20 years. But those 20-year periods included deep market declines. Watching a retirement account shrink could cause panic selling.

Keeping cash on the sidelines risks the impact of inflation. Still, if you need cash for living expenses, it might be worth taking the inflation hit to have some immediate liquidity, so you’re not forced to sell stocks at a loss for required withdrawals. Free market savings rates will rise eventually.

Bonds can also lose value because of inflation. Who wants your old 3% 20-year bond if inflation rages much higher? No one will give you that \$1,000 face value for an old low-rate bond, even from a great company. If you don’t sell and take the loss, you’re stuck earning less.

Gold might be old-fashioned, but it has awakened from its long sleep as an inflation protector, now approaching the \$2,000 mark, while so far crypto hasn’t proved a good place to hide from either governments or inflation.

Series I Savings Bonds have become the go-to inflation-beating investment. Currently they carry a 7.12% rate, which will be adjusted every six months in May and November to match inflation. Expect the May 1 adjustment to be higher.

Commodities — everything from energy to soybeans — are rising in the face of inflation expectations. You can hedge by using ETFs that track commodity prices but be warned that these are volatile investments.

There’s a wide range of estimates on Wall Street for how high inflation will go, and how sharply the Fed will act, and whether those actions will trigger a recession. In a worst-case scenario, we could have the worst of both worlds: high inflation and an economic slowdown. STAGFLATION!

This inflation is not transitory, and it will not end without pain. Be diversified. Stay on top of your entire financial situation. And that’s The Savage Truth.

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Prevent cybercrimes on the work-from-home front

By Joel Comm | Inc.

Most work-from-home setups focus on the practical aspects of creating a physical workspace on the home front. When technology comes up, it’s usually in relation to things like remote-friendly communication and collaboration tools.

But what about cybersecurity? When an employee isn’t on-site, it can be difficult for them to maintain the same level of digital safety that they might have in a physical office.

If you’re concerned about the safety of your home office or those of your employees, here are a few tips to help you boost your home cybersecurity.

Start with a secure network. Your network is your first line of defense against cybercriminals. Each device has its own protective systems, but these will vary from one item to the next.

For instance, you might have a fully cyberarmored work laptop in your home office, but your smart TV could be at risk. Plume, an AI-enabled Wi-Fi and security solution provider, reports that there was a 433% increase in blocked cyberthreats against smart TVs in U.S. households in May 2021 alone.

It’s important to protect every device in your home, and your network is the gateway to them all. It’s the bottleneck where

you can prioritize your cybersecurity efforts. Make sure you have a Wi-Fi solution that comes with strong security and a provider that regularly maintains updates.

Maintain work-life tech boundaries. Don’t use your work computer to surf social media threads or engage in Reddit debates. At the same time, resist the urge to download work apps on your personal computers or other devices.

Maintaining clear lines between personal and professional online activity reduces the potential damage if a device is hacked. The last thing you want to do is have a hacker get in through a work email only to gain access to things like medical documentation or banking passwords because they’re on a shared computer.

Study good cyberhygiene. The cybersecurity veterans at Norton suggest several good cyberhygiene habits that can be particularly useful when working at home. Along with a network firewall and secure router, which were covered in the first tip, these also include:

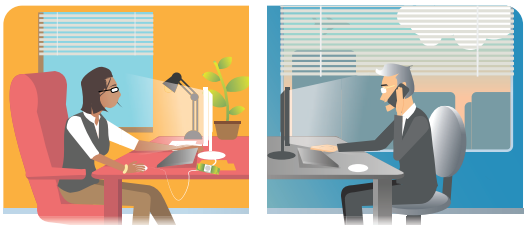
- Installing reputable malware and antivirus software.
- Using strong passwords and multi-factor authentication when available.
- Making sure your devices are encrypting your data.
- Backing up sensitive information often.



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Update everything often. One way to stay safe online is to use only up-to-date software. Individuals will often hesitate to install the latest version of a program for multiple reasons. For instance, they may not want to change the user interface that they’re used to or deal with bugs that often accompany new iterations of a piece of software.

However, the one thing that comes with the latest version of a program is security updates. Whether it’s a quick patch or an entire upgrade to a new operating system, if an update becomes available, you can bet it will include some form of security and protection. If you want to be safe while you’re online, make sure you’re installing every update as soon as it becomes available.



Make your tools seamless to use

Teams are now used to their remote work environments and invested in at-home setups, with all their accommodations. Our office spaces should emulate this. Replicating at-home setups at the office is a gesture that demonstrates

to workers their remote offices have value and, as a manager, you want to make them as comfortable as possible. Show that you care by allowing your employees to customize their workspaces at the office. And ask them what they need to be successful, where they want to be situated, and how you can make each space wholly theirs. This becomes harder for bigger companies, but they can still put in the time to check what everyone needs, whether through a survey or individual inquiries.



Lead with transparency

Leaders who prefer that employees meet in person must create incentive for them to come back to an office versus mandating them. We know that employees want flexibility, and it would be unfair to have different requirements for various employees based on location alone. We need transparency about what’s going on in the office so those who work remotely can participate or choose to commute on that day. Learning how to run equitable hybrid meetings where remote partici-

pants feel just as included as the people in the room is another key consideration. Every office gathering space must have the proper technology to pull remote team members into the conversation, too. Whether you are encouraging folks to come in a few days each week or setting up a company shared calendar, provide information so people can make purposeful decisions that are right for them.

How to create a commute-worthy office space for your team

The reintroduction to an office environment is being met with varying degrees of acceptance, from excitement to hesitancy. Here are a few areas to focus on to make an office not just acceptable to commute to—but a place that people find value in and are excited about.

SOURCE: Frank Weishaupt, Fast Company

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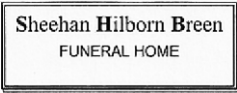
Fogg O'Hare, Lois



Lois Fogg O'Hare passed away in her home on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Beloved wife, sister, daughter, aunt and friend, she is survived by her nieces Kathleen Hurley of Belvidere, NJ, Mary Hurley of Flanders, NJ and Susan de Fazio of Manhasset, NY and nephews Patrick Hurley of Rockaway, NJ and James Hurley of Sparta, NJ.

Lois was born on November 3, 1926 and was raised by her late parents Joseph and Emily Cormier. Her younger sister and only sibling Dorothy was born in 1932 and the two girls were very close all their lives and spent a very happy childhood in Elmwood, CT. Lois was the Controller at Puritan Furniture Company in West Hartford, CT from 1948 until she retired in 2011 at the age of 85. Lois married Merle Fogg, an engineer and accomplished horseman and skier, in 1945. They moved to their home in Simsbury, CT in 1954 and together they built a house in Ludlow, VT, working only on weekends and vacations until it was complete. They spent many happy years traveling there to ski and entertain. Merle passed away in 1978 and Lois remained in their Simsbury home where she had befriended wildlife of all kinds, including chipmunks and birds who would eat out of her hands. Lois was active in St. Catherine Sienna Catholic Church and later in her life was a parishioner at the Church of St. Ann in Avon. She joined a photography club and traveled the world making many friends and taking beautiful photographs. She would do anything to help her family and friends. She was well known for her small stature, intelligence, sharp wit and many one liners that left the room in stitches. Although loved by all who knew her, she did not suffer fools gladly and was not afraid to speak her mind. At the age of 65 Lois fell in love all over again with Donald O'Hare after his wife's death. They had been dating in high school but fell out of touch after Donald went off to college. However, he walked into her office at Puritan Furniture in 1993 and said, "Hey, you were supposed to marry me." This led to a whirlwind romance and marriage and both brought great joy to each other's lives for the 14 years of their marriage. They traveled to Alaska, Ireland, Paris and many other places and worked on an expansion of the Simsbury house. They traveled every year to Ogunquit Beach in Maine until Donald's passing in 2007. After Donald's death Lois focused on her gardens, friends and family and adopted her beloved cat Rosie, who was her constant companion. Lois' strong spirit and her love, warmth and humor will be dearly missed by all who loved her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lois' name to Earthjustice at www.earthjustice.org or The Nature Conservancy at <http://preserve.nature.org/> The funeral procession will be Saturday, April 30, 2022 10:00am from the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. at St. Brigid Church, West Hartford. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours are Friday, April 29, 2022, from 4pm to 7pm at the Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.



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Lang, Marie C.



A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Marie C. Lang of Ivoryton who passed away on February 24, 2022 on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 11:00AM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 14 Prospect Street in Essex. Burial will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery, 48 Middlesex Avenue in Chester.

Marie was the life partner of Louis Denette of Ivoryton, daughter of Santina Bean of Meriden, sister of Donna Lott of Deep River, Bernadette Niland of Portland and Gerarda McIntyre of Southdette, mother of Ann Foster, Michael and David Lang and a grandmother and aunt. If you wish to share a memory of Marie or send a condolence to her family please visit www.rwwfh.com Arrangements by the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home in Centerbrook.

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Marcia, Demos Harris



Marcia Demos Harris, 81, of Wethersfield, CT and Williamsburg, VA, entered eternal rest on Sunday, April 17, 2022.

She was a bright student who loved learning and kept that intellectual curiosity throughout her life. She could often be found reading encyclopedias and doing crossword puzzles.

In high school, she was a Latin scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. As an adult, she returned to Hartford College for Women then to UCONN, where she received a Sociology degree.

As a proud member of the Greek Orthodox community, she could often be found dancing tsamiko at Greek dances, attending AHEPA conventions with her paréa, and serving with the Daughters of Penelope & Philoptochos.

Her proudest achievement was her family, and her most treasured moments included coffee and Dunkin' with her grandson, Edward John, a country music concert with her granddaughter, Marisa Jillian, or Sunday dinners with her family.

She also loved her neighborhood community - gatherings at the gazebo, breakfasts with her friends - and was grateful to be surrounded by such good people.

She was a storyteller, with a lifetime of rich adventures to share, and she never forgot a single detail. She was a realist yet a dreamer. Headstrong yet easy going when she needed to be. Intuitive, intelligent, and intellectual. Fashionable and always well put together. And she made everyone laugh with her witty humor. The one item left unchecked on Marcia's bucket list was a trip to Paris - she now has full access.

Marcia was joyfully reunited in death with her beloved husband John, her parents George and Bertha Demos, sister-in-law Marilyn Demos, and nephew Jonathan Demos.

She leaves behind a family who is deeply honored and grateful that she was theirs. In addition to daughter Pamela, son-in-law Mark, and beloved grandchildren EJ and Marisa, Marcia will be dearly missed by her younger brother Peter Demos, sister-in-law Maria Kevgas and husband John Kevgas, godson Stephen Antonio, as well as her nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Monday, April 25 from 5-7pm at Bucktrout of Williamsburg, with a Trisagion Service at 6pm. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 11am at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church with interment following in Williamsburg Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Marcia's memory to St George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Hartford, CT, or to St Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Williamsburg, VA.

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Anderson, Cheryl Nichols



Cheryl "Cherie" Nichols Anderson, avid reader and gardener, lover of the arts and people, passes away in Brewster, Massachusetts on March 12, 2022.

Born in Waukegan, Illinois on October 25, 1944, Cherie spent her formative years with her mother and paternal grandparents while her father served in WWII. When Cherie turned six, the family moved to Corning, New York where she remained for the rest of her childhood.

A talented student, Cherie excelled at Corning Northside High School, particularly in mathematics and upon graduation, entered Bucknell University as an engineering student - a rare career choice for women at that time. But the pressure of being a female pioneer ended her engineering dreams and she drew on her nurturing spirit to graduate with a BA in Education.

During her time at Bucknell, she met the love of her life, Kenny Anderson. They were married January 29, 1966 during Winter Break of senior year. After graduating from Bucknell, they moved to Cambridge, MA while Kenny attended MIT with Cherie's support as a kindergarten teacher in the Watertown School system. After MIT graduation, they traveled extensively throughout Europe (on \$5 per day) before settling in Canton, CT. For 34 years, they lived in and restored their 7-acre, 1848 farmhouse and raised two free-range daughters imbued with a love of nature.

Cherie loved all things that bloomed and all creatures great and small. She never met a stray she wouldn't adopt. An avid supporter of classical art, theater and music, she visited museums and concert halls around the world. In fashion, she felt the "sparklier" the better. She sought interesting and soulful friends; and admired those who followed their heart in their own way.

As she nurtured her young family, Cherie also served for many years as the Chairperson of the Zoning Commission for Canton, CT. During this time, she helped transition Canton from a rural Hartford retreat to an idyllic ex-urban residential community. Her legacy can be seen today.

After successfully introducing her daughters to the world, she joined a start-up, health management organization - ConnectiCare - as Manager of Provider Relations. Later she joined her husband's international engineering company as VP of Business Administration fulfilling both her engineering ambition and her desire to spend quality time with her husband.

Eventually, she and Ken bought a cottage in Eastham, MA and later bought and retired to the nationally registered Poore House in Brewster near her parents' home. While attending to her parents' elder needs, Cherie continued her passion for pets and gardens in this historic home.

Cherie leaves behind her beloved husband, Charles Kenneth Anderson, their two daughters, Smantha Bryce "Mandy" Anderson (Bill Williams), and Jennifer Lynn Goodwin (Trey Goodwin); and four cherished grandchildren, Bryce Anderson Williams, Reese Nichols Williams, Bradley Anderson Goodwin, and Meryl Ann Goodwin; brother William Nichols (Donna), sister Patricia Brewer (Philip) and nieces and nephews, Sammy-Jane, Jason, Brian, Josh, Abigail, and Caleb; as well as an extended network of relatives and friends. Cherie was preceded in death by her father, Perry Frederick Nichols, Jr., and her mother, Esther Mae (Stine) Nichols.

Cherie will always be remembered for her compassionate approach to life. Her strength and love live on in the lives of her daughters and grandchildren. In lieu of donations, please plant beautiful trees and flowers, tell people that you love them, and caress a pet if you have one.

A celebration of Cherie Anderson's life will be held in Brewster by invitation only. For online condolences, please visit www.nickersonfunerals.com

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Turro, Daniel M.

Our beloved Daniel (Donato) Michael Turro, 86, of Vernon, CT passed away on October 1st, 2021. A wonderful husband, loving father, grandfather, brother, son and friend. He was born in Waterbury, Connecticut on March 13, 1935, the son of the late Donato and Lucia (Papa) Turro. Dan had lived in Coventry, CT for many years raising a family of four children and commuting to Regional School District #10 as the Director of Special Services. As the Director, he was well loved by the students, staff, and faculty leaving a lasting legacy having developed programs that helped gifted, special needs, academically and emotionally challenged students alike for many years. He earned a BA and MA in Educational Psychology at the University of Connecticut and was an adjunct faculty member at Central Connecticut State University teaching psychology for many years. Dan loved to play tennis with his wife, Naomi, his kids (never beating the parents), and a close circle of friends. He was also known to be cut-throat on the racquetball court in early morning matches on the way to work.

Dan was a gifted and accomplished musician becoming a member of the Waterbury Musician's Union and eventually serving in the U.S. Army band. He was proficient with many different instruments including clarinet, tenor sax, flute and drums. He was also a member of a fife and drum corps as a young student. Dan was especially proud to have sung tenor in the Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford, CT including the annual Boar's Head Festival. When Dan finally retired from Region #10, he volunteered with the IRS's VITA program helping underserved families and employees to file federal income tax returns. He also was appointed as a Guardian Ad Litem for the juvenile court system helping judges make informed decisions regarding the wellbeing of many youths caught up in the juvenile court system. He was a big supporter of Habitat for Humanity, Paul Newman's "The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp" providing a healing experience to seriously ill children in Ashford, CT. He also supported the EffortZ Foundation providing education to young women in Tanzania. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to one of these organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Marion Ordway of Vernon, CT, his children, Keith Turro and wife Yvonne of Kaneohe, HI, Kelley (Turro) Vatteroni and husband Scot of Tolland, CT, Ken Turro and wife Tina of Indianapolis, IN, and Cheryl (Ordway) Eckert of Granby, CT, eleven grandchildren (Megan, Kaitlynn, Kristen, Lucia, Matthew, Carina, Marisa, Luke, Nathaniel, Jimmy, and Gabriela), and many beloved nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, Dan was preceded in death by his wife of 33 years, Naomi (Smith) Turro, his daughter Kimmie Turro and son Robbie Ordway, and his five siblings.

His Celebration of Life will be held on May 22, 2022, from 12-5pm. If anyone is interested in joining the family in this celebration, please RSVP at kvatteroni@gmail.com. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Langevin, Irmgard "Irmí"



Irmgard "Irmí" Langevin, 96, of Suffield, and formerly of Gardner, MA, beloved wife for 67 years of the late Roger A. Langevin, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

Irmí was born and raised in Germany, daughter of the late Willi and Martha (Pfeiffer) Foerster. During World War II, at the age of 18, she fled to Berlin with three generations of her family to bring them to safety. She met her late husband, Roger, while he was stationed in Berlin, and immigrated to the United States in 1952. While raising their three children, she was employed as a Hairdresser for Langevin's Beauty Salon in Gardner, MA.

Irmí was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and dear friend. She will fondly be remembered as strong independent woman who loved her family dearly. Irmí had an analytical mind and a wonderful sense of humor. When her children were growing up, she was very involved in their lives and was a Den Mother for their Cub Scout Troop. Irmí was very strong in her Catholic faith and was a devoted member of Sacred Heart Church in Gardner, MA. Irmí was an amazing cook and baker and loved to share her German heritage with her entire family. She especially loved baking cookies for the Christmas holiday and sharing them with family and friends. Irmí was an avid gardener and had a fondness for flowers. She loved all types of roses and her yard was always filled with every variety in every color. Irmí enjoyed embroidering and crocheting and loved to make blankets and mittens. She also enjoyed playing board games and cards, and recently found a fondness for Trivia games at Suffield by the River.

Irmí is survived by her children, Terry Langevin and her husband Doug Muth of Windsor, CT, Jennifer Hollingsworth of Tennessee, and Brian Langevin and his wife Linda of Massachusetts; her grandchildren, Drake and Clark Langevin Muth, and Jennifer Brouillet and her husband Sean; four great grandchildren; her siblings, Fred Foerster, Erika Lippke, and Christa Biewald; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Roger, she was predeceased by her brother, Horst; and sister, Gisela. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 20, 10 a.m., at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, in Hartford, with refreshments afterwards next door.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., at the Massachusetts State Veterans Cemetery, 111 Glenallen St., Winchendon, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Irmí can be made to the Center for Urban Ministry, c/o St. Patrick & St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St., Hartford, CT 06103 or ask your church to pray for Irmí in memory of her life.



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Taylor, Helen T.(Tryon)



Helen T. Taylor (Tryon) 92, of Portland, CT beloved wife of the late George Taylor passed away peacefully on April 22, 2022 at Middlesex Hospital. She was known as Aggie. Helen was born on January 14, 1930 in South Glastonbury, one of seven siblings. She was the daughter of the late Hilda and Raymond Tryon. Helen lived the majority of her life in South Glastonbury, she grew up on the family farm on Tryon Street which was named after several generations of Tryon's. It was the rural, simple and communal life there that paved the way for the love and care she carried to her family, friends and community.

In school Helen excelled in sports, specifically basketball and baseball for which she received a best athlete award in her class. She graduated from Glastonbury High School class of 1948. In 1950 she was entered and won a beauty contest of Glastonbury Day's and she was crown queen of Glastonbury at the Mardi Grass dance. She met and married her high school sweet heart, the love of her life, George W. Taylor at the age of 20 and at the age of 22 she was blessed with twins, a girl Debbie and a boy David. Followed by another girl Susan 18 months later. Helen was employed by Travelers Insurance for 30 years and was a member of St. Luke Episcopal Church in Glastonbury.

Helen had many hobbies, crocheting and knitting, she was an avid gardener and wittingly shared her abundance with family, friends and neighbors. She was a true farmers daughter dedicated to hard work on the family tobacco field, raising and harvesting vegetables and caring for the animals. She enjoyed traveling and cruise ship vacations. Along with her sisters she visited many islands including Aruba, St Martin, Bahamas, with her favorite trip being Aruba. She shared her love with all animals, especially cats and would welcome and feed all neighborhood cats.

While Helen's children were young, she served as a Cub Scout Den Mother and was also a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, a charitable service organization. She was an excellent baker and would always have cake or cookies available for her children's friends or anyone that would stop by.

Helen lived at a time where the joys of life were visiting family, friends and neighbors, playing cards, square dancing on a Saturday night, having backyard neighborhood gatherings, picnics and swimming on the Tryon's property at Great Pond. She lived a long and full life bringing joy to her grandchildren and great grandchildren with her jokes and shenanigans. Helen was known as being very feisty. She will be very much missed by her family.

Helen is survived by her son David G. Taylor and his wife Maria of South Glastonbury, her daughter Susan T. Rowe of Portland, her sister Frances Barker of Glastonbury, 6 grandchildren and their spouses, Glenn and Melissa Taylor, Stacie and Dan Savage, Justin Brown, Krista and Kurt Larson, Tammy Rowe and Michael Wells, Lindsey and Jon Farmer, 11 great grandchildren, Aaron Picard, Grant and Hailey Taylor, Zoey and Taylor Savage, Lilly and Jack Larson, Ethan and Dylan Wells, Audrey and Natalie Farmer. She was predeceased by her daughter Deborah Carlin, her son-in-law George Rowe, her brothers Warren, George and Donald Tryon, and her sisters Shirley Fuller and Dot Devereux.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Portland Police Dept., 265 Main St., Portland, CT 06480 for all their commitment to Helen's community safety, health and well-being.

Calling hours will be at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury on Monday, April 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Burial will be private with her immediate family. For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.



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Letourneau, Barbara



Barbara (White) Letourneau, 85, of Southington, formerly of Plainville, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on Thursday, April 21, 2022. She was the wife and best friend of Norman Letourneau, with whom she shared 65 years of love, hand-holding, and life adventures. Born in North Vassalboro, Maine, she was one of thirteen, and the last surviving child, to the late Carroll and Hazel (Sherman) White. Barbara and Norman settled in Plainville over 50 years ago, where they raised their family of four and enjoyed watching their family grow and prosper for two more generations. A retiree of Stanley Works, Barbara centered her life around her family, creating many cherished memories with camping trips and vacations, and was happiest when all were together as she hosted family gatherings and weekly Sunday dinners. She could be found many days tending to and enjoying the beauty of her flower gardens, or quietly reading a favorite novel. Remembered for her bright blue eyes, her love of country music, always sharing a kind word and her ever-present smile that would light up the room, she will be missed beyond measure and is now at peace.

In addition to her husband, Norman, she leaves her children, Norman "David" (Karen) Letourneau, Debi (Gary) Tetto, Lisa (Robert) Gaber, and Tina (Mark) Pandolfo; her grandchildren, David and Jessica Letourneau, Melissa (John) Gwizd and their children, Zachary, Jayden and Destiny; Nicholas (Chantal) Tetto and their children Tanner, Ryder, and Carter; Robert (Cindy) Gaber and their son Abel; Michelle Gaber (Mark Dryden) and Matthew and Ryan Pandolfo. She was predeceased by her twelve siblings, and leaves many nieces, nephews and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, Barbara may be remembered with contributions to the Make a Wish CT at www.ct.wish.org or 56 Commerce Dr. Trumbull, CT 06611.

A celebration of Barbara's life will be held on Friday, April 29, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Family and friends may gather one hour before, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.



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Gott, Johanna M. (Begusch)



Johanna M Gott (Jane, Momma, Mom, Gram, Grandma...) of Manchester passed away peacefully on April 8, 2022. Born on June 12, 1925, near Klagenfurt, Austria, she was the second child of Johann and Maria (Zingler) Begusch and younger sister to Thomas. At the age of three she boarded a ship in Bremen, Germany and with her family was transported to America. Eventually calling Windsor, CT. her home, she attended and graduated Windsor High School (then known as John Fitch High School). In 1944 she met her husband-to-be while roller skating in Hartford, James Joseph Gott. He had been based in Groton, CT as a Yeoman first class in the US Navy and they were wed on November 17, 1945, and began raising their family of 5 sons in Manchester, CT. She was employed for many years as a medical secretary until retirement, which was a lovely life of Florida by winter and Connecticut during the warmer months. She was a dedicated follower of professional tennis and golf while playing both into her early 90's. Predeceased by 'Joe' in 2019, she leaves behind five sons: Tom of Manchester, Gary of Andover, Greg of Rockingham, VT, Jeff of Ogunquit, Maine and Jonathan of Zephyrhills, FL. Also 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grand-children and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Always the organizer, communicator, and center hub, nearly all family gatherings were orchestrated by her. She had a keen sense of humor, easily laughed and was quick to see the light in an often-dark world. She was wonderfully likeable and loved dearly by friends, family, and those she would meet along the way. A private memorial service is planned for the summer. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or to the American Cancer Society. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, South Windsor has care of the arrangements. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmon-funeralhome.com



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Fredericks, Thomas



Thomas Mark Fredericks, 67, of Old Saybrook, passed away on April 16, 2022 after a short illness. Tom was born on March 28, 1955 in New Haven and was the son of Ruth (Brown) Fredericks and the late Albert George Fredericks. He is survived by his wife Ellen A. (Bohne) Fredericks, his daughters Leah E. Sousa (husband Peter) of Hope Valley, RI, Kristin L. Bartunek (husband Steve) of Middlefield, CT. He is also survived by his grandchildren, William T. Sousa, Avery A. Bartunek, Dylan J. Sousa, and Casey J. Bartunek as well as his brother Gary P. Fredericks (wife Elizabeth) of Middletown, CT. Along with many loving family members from Wallingford, CT and wonderful friends from Westbrook, CT. Tom met Ellen in high school and they became the perfect example of "high school sweethearts." As a 1973 Sheehan H.S. graduate, Tom would be remembered for his football and track success. He went on to graduate from Northeastern University with a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1978, where he then became a very successful and respected Electrical Engineer. He spent 35 years at Whelen Engineering Co, Inc. in Chester, CT. There he began developing traffic activated warning products. He advanced to managing the Outdoor Warning Engineering division and finally added Aviation Engineering Manager to his portfolio before recently retiring. He was awarded many patents for his various innovations at Whelen. In the past years, Tom loved to travel. From the many trips with the "6 pack", to the many cruises with family. He also enjoyed kayaking and catching up with past Whelen friends. He took great pride in doing home projects and renovations and was very good at both. He enjoyed ending an evening with a UCONN women's basketball game or a Yankees game. He will be remembered most for being kind, his great dry sense of humor, his strong work ethic, and remarkable patience. In the most recent years, his greatest passion has been spending time with his daughters and their families. And, most notably, his selfless caring for Ellen at a time when her health concerns required his constant care and attention. Tom has devoted 51 years of his life being by Ellen's side portraying love, honor and loyalty. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 4:00pm until 8:00pm at Swan Funeral Home, located at 1224 Boston Post Rd, Old Saybrook, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the curePSP at psp.org.

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Callaghan, Janet Cook



Janet Elizabeth Callaghan passed away on August 13, 2021. She was born September 24, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan to Lt. Colonel Harvey Cook and Bonnie (Graham) Cook and grew up in a family of one brother and two sisters, Donald, Jeane, and Joanne. As the daughter of an Army officer, Janet traveled throughout her childhood, spending time in France, Maryland, Michigan and Hawaii. In 1970, Janet married Paul Callaghan, Jr. in Hawaii and gave birth to her first son, Colin, later that same year. She attended the University of Kansas where she pursued a bachelor of science degree in chemistry, but she delayed her studies to raise her family. In 1977, her younger son, Graham, was born. Since education was very important to her, she would return to college and earn an undergraduate degree from Westchester University (PA) in 2004.

In 1978, Janet moved with her family to Connecticut and made a house on Savarese Lane in Burlington into a beautiful home. She worked in Bristol and found success as a real estate agent because of her quick wit and intelligence. She loved gardening and animals, especially horses and dogs. The house on Savarese Lane was always full of house plants and pets. She also loved rock-n-roll and country music, cooking, playing cards, reading, and baseball. On summer weekends, Janet enjoyed spending time at the beaches of Westerly, Rhode Island with her family and friends. She will be remembered for her kindness and sense of humor.

Janet is survived by her two sons, Colin and Graham, their wives, Suzy and Heather; and five grandchildren, Connor, Berkeley, Owen, Sarah and Tallulah; and her beloved dog, Java. Janet will be interred at West Avon Cemetery in a private ceremony for family and friends. The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon has care of the arrangements. To leave condolences online, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Albert E. Brunoli born on November 12, 1927 passed away peacefully with his family by his side, on April 19, 2022 at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. He was predeceased by his 4 sisters Ernestine, Lena, Mary, Irene, and 3 brothers, Peter, Aldo and Fred, a son John, and daughter-in-law Marilyn. Albert was a custom builder of homes for most of his life, primarily in Burlington where he settled down to raise his family. After retirement he moved to his home on West Hill Pond in New Hartford where he enjoyed countless hours out on the lake with his wife Annette. Albert loved serving others spending many years with the Boys Scouts as a Scoutmaster for Avon and Burlington and the Lions Clubs of Burlington and New Hartford. He also belonged to the Prince Thomas of Savoy, the "Italian Club" where he was recognized for his passion, dedication, and service for over 50 years.

Albert loved to open his home to others to enjoy what life had to offer. He and Annette traveled the country and world throughout their lives together. They especially enjoyed their trips to Italy where they visited the old homestead of the Brunoli's. Throughout his life Albert imparted many words of wisdom to those who would lend an ear, he especially loved to reminisce about the days on Eddy Street in Avon. He was most proud of his children and how their families have grown over the years, always coming back to spend time making memories at the lake, continuing his love of the outdoors.

In addition to his loving wife of 67 years, Albert is survived by his children Cindy (Jay) Skerritt, Ed Brunoli, Gary (Pam) Brunoli and Dianne (Jim) Lester. Albert also leaves 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Family and Friends may visit the Vincent Funeral Home, 120 Albany Turnpike in Canton, CT on Thursday, April 28th from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM followed by a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial, 10:00 AM at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Unionville, CT. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Burlington, CT. Memorial Contributions may be made to: Connecticut School of the Blind 120 Holcomb Street Hartford CT.06112 oakhillct.org. Please visit Albert's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Tedone Tandy, Pauline



On January 11, 2022, Pauline Tedone Tandy of North Kingstown, RI passed away peacefully at the monumental age of 100. Pauline was born in New York City, NY on October 25, 1921 to Italian immigrants Nicole and Vincenzo Tedone. She was the oldest of five sisters from a close knit family. She was united in Holy Matrimony with the late Jack Tedone, and moved to East Hartford to begin their lives together. From this loving union they raised three children, Sandy, Frank, and Bob. They began their lives owning and operating the East Hartford Oil Company. Pauline was a bookkeeper and homemaker who enjoyed cooking big Italian dinners. Her best of times were spent with her sisters, where they would start conversations in English and break into Italian with lots of laughter.

After Jack's passing, Pauline and her second husband, the late Richard Tandy, crossed paths, both having lost spouses. Once married she began another journey as Mom to Richard's daughter Midge. The couple retired to Panama City, Florida in 1976 to be closer to her mom and sisters. She became an active member of the Woodlawn United Methodist Church. Her days were filled with bible study and bridge club, while her evenings were spent cooking tasty meals. Her holiday table included her sisters as well as church members with no family. After Richard's passing she moved back to the New England area to be with her children and grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Jack, their son Bob, husband Richard, and her sisters Jean, Adele, Ria, and Vanda. Survivors include daughter Sandra (Ronald) DePietro, son Frank (Lyn) Tedone, daughter Midge (Stephen) Young, grandchildren Laura DePietro, Kathy-Lee Tedone, and Debbie DePietro. There will be a graveside service at Hillside Cemetery-Veteran's Memorial Field in East Hartford on Friday, April 29, at 1 p.m. There are no calling hours. The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford is assisting the family with local arrangements.



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Devlin, James



James Snow Devlin, 88, set sail for God's Other Kingdom on April 5, 2022. Jim, a resident of Hartland, graduated from Kingswood-Oxford School (1953) and Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio (1960). He served his country as an agent in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps from 1957 to 1959. Upon discharge, and graduation from OWU, Jim began work in the Home Office of Aetna Life and Casualty in the Work Measurement Depart as an analyst. He rose to become Director of Productivity Services in Corporate Administration in 1972, a position he held until his retirement. Jim was devoted to serving both the local and larger-Community: participating in Hartland, first as a member and then Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board, and later as a member and Chair of the Board of Finance. In 1977 Jim served the State by representing the Aetna as a member of the GengrasCommission Financial Management Task Force. He was also involved for some time, in the financial aspects of the First Church, Congregational in Hartland. He was a faithful communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT. He was preceded in death by his mother Olive Snow Devlin, his father James Joseph Devlin, and his son James Thure Daniel Devlin. Jim is survived by his wife of 62 years, Judith Franzen Devlin, his daughter Katherine Devlin Flood and her husband Matthew Flood, daughter-in-law Keely L. Devlin, and his grandchildren: James Norman Devlin and Morgan Siobhan Flood. He is also survived by his sister Sally D. Leighton, and several nieces and nephews as well as many cherished friends. Jim will long be remembered for his quick wit, infectious smile and his kind and passionate spirit. An avid sailor for many years, he plied the waters from New England to Florida at the helm of "Innisfree," with his treasured First Mate and navigator Judy always at his side. Fellow sailors – from Nova Scotia to South Africa and many ports in between - will recall his name with warmth and love. A graveside service will be held on June 11, 2022 at 11 AM in the West Hartland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jim's honor to Environmental Learning Center – 501 Wolcott Road, Bristol, CT 06010. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of the arrangements. For condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Bucci, Emilia



Emilia Bucci, 89, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2022. She was the last surviving member of a devoted family of 9 brothers and sisters. She was born in Catamarca, Argentina in 1932. She grew up playing with horses, cows, goats and chickens across a beautiful landscape that she loved. Here she learned the secrets that made her an amazing cook and gardener. As the fairy tale story goes, one day she met her husband Galliano and they happily married in Buenos Aires. They enjoyed their times together and eventually pursued their dream of coming to the United States in 1965. They settled in Plainville, CT and she began to use the knowledge she had to grow bountiful vegetable and beautiful flower gardens at home. There were countless amounts of tomatoes and flowers of every color. She also cooked some of the best tasting food you could imagine. Pasta and meatballs, grilled meats and chicken, chimichurri, empanadas, milanesa, bunuelos, fried cauliflower and potato salad to name a few, were all specialties that you looked forward to. She loved spending time with family and having large gatherings with lots of food. She took great pride in repaying the help she and Galliano received in coming to the United States by helping several family members from Argentina join her here as well. Without that, there perhaps may have not been another generation of relatives that met different people and created new families of their own. She was married to Galliano for 60 years prior to his passing in 2020. Emilia is survived by her son Daniel, daughter-in-law Jennifer, grandson Dylan and many other friends and extended family members. A prayer service in celebration of Emilia's life will be held on Saturday April 30, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. Family and friends may gather before the service, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com



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Ely, Gordon H.



Gordon H. Ely, 93, of Essex, CT lived a long and happy life and died peacefully on April 17, 2022 surrounded by his family. Gordon was born in Old Lyme, CT on February 22, 1929, son of Clarence Samuel Ely and Ellen (Richards) Ely. He attended Old Lyme High School and then joined the National Guard in Niantic, CT. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Japan during the Korean War in 1951. Upon his return, he went to work at the L.C. Doane Co. in Essex and retired after 41 years as Chief Inspector. Gordon was a member of the Old Lyme Fire Department for 71 years. In 1956, he married the love of his life, Lois D'Addario, formerly of West Hartford, and was married for 65 years, residing in Essex since 1960. They had 3 children, Sharon (Bill) DeMars of Essex, Laurie (Rob) Friedman of Westborough, MA, and Mark (Kelli) Ely of Wethersfield. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Caitlin Corriveau (DeMars) and her husband Philip of Medford, MA, Paul and Kimberly Friedman of Westborough, MA, and Kendall and Kyle Ely of Wethersfield. He is pre-deceased by his brothers Theodore, Edwin, Donald, Joseph, John, and Robert Ely originally from Old Lyme and half-siblings Marie (Jenkins) Lancaster, Annie (Jenkins) Han and Richard Jenkins originally of East Lyme. Gordon proudly carried the American Flag in the Color Guard for many years in the Essex Memorial Day Parade. He loved his dogs, gardening, UConn Women's Basketball and the Red Sox. But most of all he enjoyed spending time with his entire family. He will be remembered for his mischievous smile, caring nature, and generosity. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30AM on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 14 Prospect St., Essex. Interment with full military honors will be held following the Mass at Duck River Cemetery, Old Lyme. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, heart.org/plannedgiving or call 1-800-242-8721. Arrangements are by the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home of Centerbrook. To share a memory of Gordon or condolence message with his family, please visit www.rwwfh.com.

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OBITUARIES

Miller, Elizabeth G (Gibbs)

Elizabeth G. (Betty) Miller, 94, of West Hartford passed away peacefully on Sunday April 17, 2022. Elizabeth was born on June 2, 1927 in Worcester, MA, the daughter of Hiram and Mabel Gibbs. She was predeceased by her husband Wesson C Miller in 2005. She is survived by her sons Bradford Miller of West Hartford, CT and Scott Miller of Higganum, CT. She was predeceased by her sister Barbara O'Brien and her brothers Robert Gibbs and Hiram Brad Gibbs Jr. and her daughter-in-law Jacqueline "Jackie" Miller, wife of Scott Miller.

There will be no calling hours and there will be a private ceremony for close family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

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Drees, Beverly M.



Beverly M. Drees "Grasshopper" age 82, of Avon, CT, died Tuesday, April 19, 2022 peacefully at home. She was born July 8, 1939 in Cleveland, OH, daughter of the late Leo and Angela (Kozuk) Perusek. She lived in Simsbury, CT for 35 years and for the past 11 she resided in the wonderful community of Pond Place in Avon, CT. She was a graduate of Bowling Green State University, OH and a member of Alpha Gamma Delta. She worked at the CREC River Street School in Windsor, CT for many years. Bev was an active member of the First Church of Christ in Simsbury, CT where she volunteered tutoring students in Hartford, CT. In addition she was a passionate member of the Simsbury Garden Club and the Old Drake Hill Flower Bridge Club. Furthermore she enjoyed traveling, helping others, animals and most of all spending time with her family and many wonderful friends.

She is survived by her children, Laurel Cunnane and her husband Jack of Alexandria, VA, Sheryl Andrus of Costa Rica and Christopher Andrus, Kirk Drees and his wife Marcy of Simsbury; her grandchildren, Connor, Anya, Sam, Sasha, Matt, Casey and Allie and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Philip H. Drees and brother, Kenneth Perusek.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held Friday May 13th at 11:30 am at Hop Meadow Country Club in Simsbury, CT. She made her wishes known that she enjoyed many flowers while she was living and asked that any donations in her memory be made to Puppies Behind Bars (<https://puppiesbehindbars.com/>) or Simple Changes Therapeutic Riding Center (<https://simplechanges.org/>). Please visit Bev's Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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O'Gara, Sheila Julia (Kenny)



On Tuesday, April 19, 2022, Shelia Julia O'Gara, of Hyannis, Massachusetts formerly of Windsor, CT, and Worcester, MA, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away at age 89 at Cape Cod Hospital. Shelia was born in Cork, to Denis and Hannah Kenny and raised in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland.

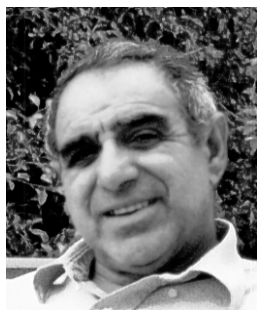
In 1950, Shelia came to the United States and settled in with relatives in Worcester, MA. While working at RH Whites, Sheila met and married the love of her life Robert Hayes O'Gara and they were married for over fifty years raising four children. She leaves behind Robert and his wife Sandra of Vernon, CT, Denise of Weymouth, MA, Karen, and her husband Raymond of Coutit, MA and Thomas of Gray, ME. Her grandchildren, Kaitlyn and her husband David of Andover, CT, Brian of Simsbury, CT, and Sean of South Miami, FL, Devin of Weymouth, MA, and great-granddaughter Nora. She also leaves many cousins and extended family in the US and in Ireland including, her niece Liz Reen, Great niece and nephew Stephanie and Jason Reen, cousins John Guerin, Eddie Morrissey, and Eileen Coffee.

Shelia was predeceased by her husband Robert, her parents and her siblings, John and Eileen. Shelia was an avid reader, bird watcher, and people person, and loved talking about her children and grandchildren and great grandchild. She retired from Marshall's after 25 years. In lieu of flowers, please made a donation in Shelia's name to the Alzheimer's Family Support Center in Brewster, MA at <https://www.alzfamilysupport.org/ways-to-give>. Funeral services will be held at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in Bourne, MA on April 29, 2022, at 1:30 PM.

Doane, Beal and Ames Funeral Home in Hyannis, MA has the care of her arrangements - www.doanebealam-eshyannis.com

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Georges, George R.



George Robert Georges, died peacefully on April 21, 2022 at the age of 93 after a short illness. George was born on May 28, 1928 in New Britain to the late Elizabeth and Robert Georges. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mary, and his sons Bob and Derek, all of Bristol, CT. George is also survived by his sister Patsy Palmonari of Voorhees, NJ, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins from CO, CT, NJ, OH, VT, and Ontario, Canada. In addition to his parents he is predeceased by, his brother Amer Georges and sister Lilian Sargis of NJ.

He enlisted in the US Army in 1946 as a rifleman and was honorably discharged in 1948. He then joined the family business, Georges Jewelers, where he met and married Mary. They started their family in New Britain, and eventually settled in Bristol in 1968, which continues to be their home. After his time in the jewelry business, George became a "Teamster", driving with an exemplary safety record for more than 35 years before retiring in 1990. George was passionate about family, always giving of his time and attention. Mary and George hosted many holiday celebrations and frequent family gatherings. He was an active and longstanding member of St. Gregory Church, Bristol.

George's funeral will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 9:15 AM from the Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol to St. Gregory the Great Parish, 235 Maltby St., Bristol for a Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 AM. Burial with full Military Honors will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Calling hours will be Tuesday from 5-7 PM. Please visit George's memorial website at www.FunkFuneralHome.com



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Barone, Jean

Jean Barone of South Windsor passed away peacefully on April 19, 2022. She was born in Hartford daughter of the late Nicholas and Minnie (Tiberio) Barone. A Mass of Christian Burial for Jean will be held Friday, April 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM at St Mary Church, 15 Maplewood Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108. Following the Mass of Christian Burial will be a Committal Service at 11:00 AM at St Mary's Cemetery, 930 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name can be made to Hartford Hospital. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.NewkirkandWhitney.com for the Barone family.

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McGovern, Ann (Fennell)



Ann (Fennell) McGovern, of Wethersfield, loving wife of Patrick McGovern, died Friday, April 22, 2022. Ann was born on July 6, 1931 in Philadelphia to the Late William and Gertrude (Craven) Fennell. She graduated from Mt. Saint Joseph Academy in West Hartford in 1949 and attended Saint Francis School of Nursing. She later worked at the Aetna, where she met her future husband and they were married on October 27, 1956. Ann liked reading animals and especially children. She volunteered at St. Agnes Home for unwed mothers.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her son, John McGovern of Newington, her daughter Ann (Beth) McGovern and good friend, Paul Campbell, of Wethersfield as well as many nephews, nieces and friends. She was pre-deceased by her sisters Mary Condon, Kathleen Talbot and Patricia Martucci.

Ann was a quiet, sensitive, loving wife, daughter, sister, friend and mother. The following words express Ann's life:

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother" – St. Therese of Lisieux.
Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd. Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Ann's life will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 10:00AM in Corpus Christi Church of Christ the King Parish, 601 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, all attendees are asked to go directly to church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For further information, or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com

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Pike, Elizabeth (Osterby)



Elizabeth (Osterby) Pike, 72, of Newington, died peacefully with loving family at her side, on Thursday, April 21, 2022. She was the beloved wife for 50 years of Stephen Pike. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late Peter and Veronica (Hannon) Osterby, Bette was a lifelong Newington resident. She was a dental assistant for Dr. Iantoni, Wethersfield, for many years. Actively involved in Newington Little League, she was the first woman secretary for a Little League program in Connecticut. She enjoyed spending time with family at her second home in Naples, FL. Throughout the years she rescued many animals, and had a special place in her heart for dogs. Bette was a talented crafter and found great joy working in her flower gardens.

She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother and leaves two sons and their wives, Christopher and Kristen Pike of Kensington, and Jeffrey and Amy Pike of Naples, FL. She adored being "Nana" to her three grandsons, Owen, Cole and Ryan Pike. She also leaves her sister Deborah Perkoski and husband Edward of Newington; in-laws, David Pike and Lois MacDonald of Willington, Ronald and Donna Pike of West Hartford, Gregory and Christine Pike of Hebron, Cathy and James Garuti of Terryville; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers, Peter Osterby, Jr. and Robert Osterby.

Bette will be laid to rest privately in West Meadow Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Hole in the Wall Gang, www.holeinthewallgang.org. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., is serving the family. To share your sorrow, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Toce, Mary Margaret (Sullivan)

Mary Margaret (Sullivan) Toce, 94, lifelong resident of Windsor, beloved wife of the late Anthony Joseph Toce, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2022.

Mary was born in Hartford on January 17, 1928, daughter of the late Frank and Rose (DiNardo) Sullivan, and graduated from Windsor High School, Class of 1946. For many years, Mary was employed with various companies as an administrative assistant, retiring at the age of 62. After her retirement, she enjoyed spending time at the Windsor Senior Center, especially time with the Tops group, volunteering at the election polls, and serving with meals on wheels with her late husband. Mary was a faithful communicant of St. Gabriel Church. Mary was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who will be remembered for her caring nature and devotion to family. She enjoyed doing puzzles, cooking, traveling to the beach, watching UCONN Women's Basketball, and feeding the squirrels and birds.

Mary is survived by her three children, Sr. Patricia Toce, SND of Boston, MA, Michael A. Toce and his wife Terry of Grapevine, TX, and Rosemarie Frisell of Manchester; three grandchildren, Brian Toce and his wife Lyndsey of Colleyville, TX, Bethany Powers and her husband Justin of Colleyville, TX, and John Frisell and his wife Dawn of Tolland; six great-grandchildren, Jacob and Abbie Toce, Elle Marie, Wyatt, and Reid Powers, and Liana Frisell; and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband, Anthony, she was predeceased by her siblings, Frank, Donald, Robert, and Dennis. Mary's family will receive friends on Friday, April 29, 4-7 p.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m., at St. Gabriel Church, Windsor.

Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, in the Poquonock section of Windsor. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Gabriel School, 77 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, CT 06095.



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Crosby, Helen (Ivonouskas)



Helen (Ivonouskas) Crosby, 94, wife of the late Irving Crosby, of Hartford, passed away April 20, 2022 in Avery Heights. She was born in Hartford, daughter of Joseph and Nellie Ivonouskas. Prior to her retirement Helen was a transcriptionist at Orthopedic Associates of Hartford for over 30 years. Before that, she was a Buyer for G. Fox and Co. She

loved playing Pinochle and polka dancing with her husband. Helen was a loving wife mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt.

She leaves her sons, Keith Crosby and his wife Eileen of Canton, Scott Crosby of New York, NY, her grandchildren, Jason Crosby and his wife Alana, and Kevin Crosby and his wife Rachel, Kaylee Orluk and her husband Nicholas. She will also be greatly missed by her great-grandchildren, Sophia, Emma, Britney, Cody, Remington and Gage and her brother Joseph Evans and his wife Barbara. Besides her husband, Helen was predeceased by her daughter Pam McGee, her brother Vytautas Evans and his wife Lorraine and sister Frances Juneau. The family would like to thank all the wonderful, caring staff at Avery Heights, The Burnham Memory care and Station 3, who cared for Mom over the many years she lived there. We truly appreciate all their kindness and compassion.

Friends may call on Wednesday April 27, 2022 from 9:00 to 10:00 am at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Road, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Helen's life will follow at 10:30 in Maria Reina de la Paz Parish (St. Lawrence O'Toole Church) 494 New Britain Avenue, Hartford. Burial will be in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield. To extend condolences, please visit Farleysullivan.com.

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Salch, Jr., Herbert W.



Herbert William Salch, Jr., age 85 of Southbury, CT formerly of Simsbury, CT died Friday, December 24, 2021 at his home. He was the husband of Lois P. (Kiehn) Salch. He was born in Union City, NJ, September 2, 1936, son of the late Herbert W. and Ethel (Grosch) Salch. He attended schools in Secaucus, NJ and was a graduate of

Weehawken High School. He served in the US Army, attended Rutgers University and was a volunteer fire fighter with the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department. He was employed for many years at Otis Elevator in NY City, before being transferred to Farmington, CT in 1977, at which time, he and his family moved to Simsbury, CT.

He continued working for Otis/United Technologies and later worked for over 10 years as Director of Senior Housing for the Town of Simsbury. In Simsbury, he was a member and Deacon at the First Church of Christ Simsbury and was a longtime member and officer of the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department. He was active in Civitan and the Senior Center in Simsbury.

In addition to his wife of 63 years, he is survived by his daughter: Joan Hull and her husband Jeff of Danbury; son: Kevin Salch and his wife Laura of Bristol, CT; sister: Ethel Della Bella of Secaucus, NJ; brother: Richard Salch and his wife Donna of Saylorburg, PA, Grandchildren: Jennifer, Jason, Janine, Joanna, Rachel, Victoria, Jonathan and Emily; Great Grandchildren: Layla, Tyler, Louise and Sophie as well as nieces and a nephew. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son: Jeffrey Salch of West Liberty, OH.

Hull Funeral Home, Danbury is handling the services. There are no calling hours.

A joint (for Herb and Lois) memorial service will be held at the First Church of Christ, Palmer Hall, Simsbury, CT 06070, Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11:30 Am. A reception will follow at the church.

To leave an on-line condolence, please visit hullfuneralservice.com

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Skiendzior, Frances C.



C. Frances (Kolosky) Skiendzior AKA Grandma Fran, of South Windsor, passed away on April 21, 2022, at home, surrounded by family. Fran was born in Hartford on August 13, 1927, a fierce Leo, daughter of the late Thomas & Catherine (Partyka) Kolosky. Fran lived in Hartford until 1958 when she bought a house in South

Windsor. She had lived there ever since. Fran worked at Pratt & Whitney until the late 1980s. Once they outlawed smoking in the office, she felt it was time for her to retire. She had an affinity for dogs and had many special puppies over her lifetime. She loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, reading, walking, and gardening. She attributed her long life to remaining active. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her daughter Sharon Zizzamia and grandson Albert Zizzamia. Fran leaves a daughter Darlene Murawski and her husband John, of South Windsor, granddaughter Lauren Haberern and her husband Stephen, of South Windsor, grandson JT Murawski and his life partner Chantale Bellavance, of East Windsor, grandson Daniel Zizzamia & his wife Beth, of North Chesterfield, VA, granddaughter Deana Zizzamia, of Murphys, CA, great-granddaughters Riley & Olivia Haberern of South Windsor & great-grandsons Clark & Wally Zizzamia of North Chesterfield, VA. She also held a special place in the heart of many of her children and grandchildren's friends. She was wild and she was strong. She was funny, upbeat, and always smiling. When times got tough her famous quote was, "it's not the end of the world." This positive outlook took her through her entire life and comforted us all. A graveside service will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, 11 a.m. at Wapping Cemetery, 50 Oakland Rd., South Windsor. A celebration of life will be held immediately after. All who knew and loved Fran are welcome. Please come with your best stories! In lieu of flowers or donations, feed some birds, go for a walk, and keep smiling. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home in South Windsor has care of the arrangements. Please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com for online condolences.

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Tomaszewski, Rosemarie Patricia (Marino)



The world lost a bright light with the passing of Rosemarie "Rose" P. Tomaszewski of Portland, at the age of 67, after a courageous battle with cancer. Rose was first and foremost a dedicated wife and mother who devoted her life to her family. She was truly a one of a kind born nurturer. Rose was firmly rooted in reality and enjoyed the little things in life over anything extravagant. She treasured the moments she spent with her friends and family while watching her children and grandchildren grow. Rose undoubtedly had a green thumb and loved creating in her gorgeous perennial and vegetable gardens. She also found such joy in watching the native birds that were always welcome at her feeders. Rose was a long time employee at Connecticut Valley Hospital, where she had become like second family to many of her co-workers. Her spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of her husband of 47 years Richard Tomaszewski, daughter Kristy (Terry) Wine, son Richard Tomaszewski, son Jeffrey Tomaszewski, her 4 grandchildren and countless others.



Calling hours will be available at D'Angelo Funeral Home 22 South Main Street in Middletown on Friday April 29th from 3-7 pm. A funeral mass will be held at St. Sebastian Church on Saturday April 30th at 10 am.

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Stewart, Nancy Crocker



Nancy Crocker Stewart, age 87, formerly of Yarmouthport, MA, passed away Sunday, February 20th at her home in Caleb Hitchcock at the Duncaster Retirement Community in Bloomfield, CT. She is preceded in death by her former husband, Donald Stewart, her brother, William Crocker and her parents Alvah and Nancy Crocker. She is survived by her brother and his wife, Alvah and Nancy Crocker, her four children and their spouses Donald and Elizabeth Stewart, Katharine Stewart, Alexander Stewart, Eliza and David Stewart-MacDougall, as well as her grandchildren, Martha Stewart, Seairra Parizo-Kellerman and husband Jarrett Parizo-Kellerman, Tobias Stewart, Alder & Rowan MacDougall, Alexis Stewart. Shaye Eriksen, Luke Eriksen.

Nancy spent her youth with her two brothers growing up on numerous naval bases. She married her husband Donald in 1957 and they settled in West Hartford, CT. There she raised her four children. She was an active mom volunteering at all their schools and was always looking for ways to engage her children. She was a dedicated volunteer for the Hartford Hospital and the American Cancer Society. She had a green thumb and loved belonging to the Connecticut Valley Garden Club. Nancy was a member of the Hartford Golf Club where she was an accomplished golfer with a natural swing and the perfect touch on the greens. She often spent winter weekends with her family and friends gracefully skiing the slopes of Stratton Mountain, VT. As her children got older she obtained her real estate license and was a successful real estate agent with the T.R. Preston Real Estate Agency.

Nancy always loved Cape Cod and In 1986 she moved to Yarmouthport, MA where she spent the next 29 years. She continued her real estate career with the Marchildon Real Estate Agency while creating a home for her children and their families to come visit. She adored the Cape and spent hours walking her Scotties and Labs on the bayside marshes and beaches. She could never have enough friends. While maintaining lifelong friendships she also made new ones by being a member of a local croquet club as well as the Cape Cod Salties Sportfishing Club and a group dedicated to rug hooking. Nancy continued to feed her passion for golf as a longtime member of the Hyannisport Club. Some of her favorite times were spent having dinner surrounded by her children and grandchildren on the porch of that club watching the sunset over the marshes.

Nancy was a wonderful mom, a loving grandmother, and a terrific and loyal friend. She was a woman of grace and dignity with a wonderful sense of humor. She will be missed by all.

The Stewart family wishes to thank the professionals and all the staff of The Duncaster Retirement Community. Especially the Caleb Hitchcock team who gave her comfort and care in the last years of her life.

Nancy Stewart's memorial service will be held at Saint Andrew's Church, 12 Irving Ave. in Hyannisport, MA on May 14, 2022 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Nancy C. Stewart's name to: World Wildlife Federation 1250 24th St., NW Washington, DC 20037 www.worldwildlife.org.

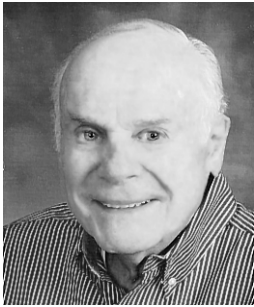
Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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Clayberger, Raymond Pierce



Raymond Pierce Clayberger, 98, of Simsbury, CT, passed away on April 22, 2022, at McLean in Simsbury, CT. He was born in 1923 in Bronxville, NY. He was son of Helen (Adams) Clayberger and Raymond P. Clayberger. He graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, and served in the U.S. Air Force in the Italian Campaign in WWII. After graduating from college, he was in the paper manufacturing business in Seattle and then in New England. Pierce was the former owner of Unisearch of Hartford and a longtime member of the First Church of Christ in Simsbury. He was predeceased by Virginia, his beloved wife of 63 years. He was a founding member and former governor of Hopmeadow Country Club and also a longtime member of the Simsbury Conservation and Wetlands Commission. Pierce was very involved with the Simsbury Historical Society and served as a member of the McLean Foundation Board. Simsbury designated him a "Hometown Hero" and he received the Virginia Connolly award in 1991. He was a longtime member of the Simsbury Codgers and The Retired Men's Luncheon Club. He is survived by three daughters: Carol Clayberger of Chicago, IL, Nancy Mazzoli of Greenwich, CT, and Pat Wenger of Seattle WA; seven grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. His family would like to express extreme gratitude to the staff at Burkholder and The McLean Health Center for their excellent care. Burial will be at the Simsbury Cemetery. Contributions in Pierce's name may be made to McLean Affiliates, 75 Great Pond Rd., Simsbury, or to the First Church of Christ, 689 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Pierce's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Sikora, Julian Wojciech



Julian Wojciech Sikora, 88, of Hartford, beloved husband for 61 years of the late Ludwika Anna (Ludwin) Sikora, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. Born in Gorlice, Poland on April 10, 1934, son of the late Stanislaw and Maria Sikora, he immigrated to the United States and settled in Hartford in 1978. Julian worked at Tectron Inc. in Newington and retired in 1999. After his retirement, he liked to plant a garden with vegetables and also planted flowers with his wife. He loved to feed stray cats while sitting out in his yard. He leaves four children, Robert Sikora and his wife Alicja of Hartford, Bozena Slempp and her husband Krzysztof of Bristol, Andrzej Sikora and his wife Cindy of Ellington, and Elizabeth Sikora of Hartford; six grandchildren, Elzbieta Sikora of Newington, Karolina Sikora of Kensington, Sabrina Slempp of Bristol, Joanna Slempp of East Hartford, and Julia and Evan Sikora both of Ellington; and a great-granddaughter, Sienna Conte. Besides his wife, he was predeceased by three brothers, John, Theodore, and Bronislaw Sikora. His family will receive friends on Thursday, April 28, 5-8 p.m. at the Waszkelewicz South Green Memorial Home, 43 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated on Friday, April 29, 10 a.m., at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 61 Popieluszko Court, Hartford. Burial will be private in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 280285, East Hartford, CT 06128. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Kahn, Charles



Charles Sigmond Kahn ("Bunky"), loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on April 9, 2022 at the age of 89. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama to Dr. Sigmond and Gladys Kahn. He was predeceased by his brother Armand D. Kahn. He attended Harvard College and Harvard Medical School. He was a medical officer in the U.S. Army Hospital at West Point. Later he was Board certified in both Pathology and Urology. He enjoyed his practice in Urology for many years at Grove Hill Medical Center, New Britain. Later in life he and his wife Gina became very active in the community. They were volunteers at the New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain Symphony Orchestra, and the Greater New Britain Arts Alliance. Every year his friends and family looked forward to his hand painted holiday cards featuring his dog Charlie and later Kubla in colorful adventures. He loved being with his family and sharing his knowledge of art, poetry, music, and literature.

Charles leaves behind his beloved wife Gina, three children and their spouses Lowell and MaryEllen Kahn, Dorothy and Steve Miner, and Drs. Daniel and Karen Kahn, step-daughter Jessica Martin, nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, sisters Margaret (Peggy) and Gladys (Pinky), and many nephews and nieces all who loved him and will miss him.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Luddy-Peterson Funeral Home at 205 South Main St. in New Britain. Memorial donations may be made to the New Britain Museum of American Art at 56 Lexington St. in New Britain.

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Cunnane, Mary



Feb 19, 1960 - Mar 20, 2022
It is with great sadness that we share that Mary Cunnane, 62, of Washington, DC, passed away on March 20, 2022 after a brief struggle with cancer. Mary was born in Hartford, CT, grew up in Bloomfield, CT and attended UCONN, Storrs, CT, before settling in Washington, DC. She is survived by her mother, Margaret Cunnane of Bloomfield, CT, her sister Eileen and her husband Ron Kirschbaum of Suffield, CT and their children, Connor, Brendan, and Caitlin, and her sister Deirdre Cunnane of Boston, MA. Mary was predeceased by her father John J. Cunnane, Sr. and her brother, John J. Cunnane, Jr. She was known for her energetic pursuit of a variety of professions, including interior design and real estate, and her immense talent in baking and cross-stitching. Mary was an avid reader and loved to travel, discuss politics, complete crossword puzzles and spend time with friends and family. She was a loyal fan of UCONN women's and men's basketball and rarely missed watching a game. She was always an optimist and a dreamer and followed her own path. Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11:00am at Sacred Heart Church, Bloomfield, CT. In lieu of flowers, please embrace Mary's spirit by living each day to the fullest, extending kindness to others, and reflecting on the blessings of your friends and family. Mary's remains will be laid to rest with her father and brother at a private ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery at a later date.

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Shallcross, Beverlee (Riccardi)



Beverlee (Riccardi) Shallcross passed away peacefully on April 13th, 2022. Her final days were spent surrounded by her family. Born on March 15, 1943 in Newington, CT, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Elizabeth Riccardi. She was a graduate of Newington High School, class of 1961, and worked in the dietary department at Rhode Island Hospital for almost 30 years before retiring. Beverlee was the devoted mother to Lynn (Shallcross) Nero and husband, Chris, of Encinitas, CA, and Peter and Keith Shallcross both of Seekonk, MA. She is survived by her brother, Richard Riccardi and his wife, Joan (Spencer) Riccardi of Port Charlotte, FL and sister, Sharon Riccardi, of East Hartford, CT. She was the adored Nana of Cameron, Britt and Cole Nero. Beverlee's highest priority was her family. Her crowning achievement was raising her three children to the best of her ability. Mom, we are proud of you and we can't thank you enough. We will miss your vivacious laughter, your thoughtfulness and your enthusiasm for family gatherings.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on June 6, 2022 at 11:30 am at St Mary's Catholic Church, 626 Willard Ave, Newington, CT. A private burial will follow at West Meadow Cemetery, where Beverlee will rest with her parents. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to HopeHealth Hospice Center, 1085 North Main St, Providence, RI. For online condolences visit, www.PERRYMCSTAY.com

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Beard, Jeffrey



Jeffrey Albert Berard, 67, passed away on April 11, 2022. He had been living with his long-time friend and companion Heather Frost of Winchester, CT. Born in Valley Forge, PA the son of the late Albert Joseph and Therese Adele Berard. He was raised in Hartford and was a graduate of A.I. Prince Technical High School. Jeffrey worked at Allied Plywood in East Hartford for several years and also the State of CT Department of Transportation for 28 years. Additionally, he owned and operated his own stump grinding business. He was an avid outdoorsman, loved hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, Alaska, traveling, hanging out with his friends and family, Westerns. Jeffrey was very outgoing, he could, and would, talk to anyone. Jeffrey is survived by his sister Cecilia Lacouture and her husband Jay Lacouture of West Suffield, CT; brother Steven Berard and his wife Susan, niece Rachael, nephew Lukas, of Shiocton, WI; sister Janice Grasse and her husband William, nephews Billie and Baron of Homewood, IL; brother Mark Berard and his wife Patti Lynn of Southington, CT; friend Heather Frost of Winchester, CT; Aunt Jeannette Bolduc, CND of Bridgeport, CT. Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of the arrangements. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Brown-Brewton, Sandra



Sandra Fae Brown-Brewton, 64, of South Windsor, CT, entered into eternal rest on Monday, April 18, 2022. Sandra was born on July 11, 1957, in Des Moines, IA to Daniel Brown and Jewelene (Oakley) Brown. Sandra leaves to cherish her memories her loving husband, Jewel Brown and a host of other relative and friends. A celebration of Sandra's life will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, April 26, 2022, at 11:00am with calling hours from 9:00am - 11:00am at Phillips Metropolitan CME Church, 2500 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06002. Sandra's final resting place will be at Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines, IA. To leave a message of comfort for the Brown and Brewton family, view the full obituary and livestreaming of services, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com



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Ordway, Edwin



Edwin Ordway, 97, of the Plantsville section of Southington passed away on Monday, April 18, 2022 at the Summit at Plantsville. Born September 1, 1924 in Castine, ME he was the son of the late Wilbert and Alice (Butler) Ordway. Edwin served with the U.S. Army CT National Guard for 5 years. He retired after 39 years of service from Fafnir Bearing as a senior production clerk. He was an avid golfer in several leagues with an average of 85 and a 14 handicap. Edwin was also a fan of the UCONN Girls Basketball Team. Edwin was a Freemason lifetime member and served the M.W. grand lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut for 65 years. Edwin leaves behind his brother, Wilbert Ordway and Wilbert's wife Lois of Mossy Rock, Washington, nieces and nephews Walter Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Richard Johnson, Leland Johnson and Neal Johnson and a dear family friend Margaret Koerner. Edwin was a hardworking, kind, gentle man who loved Maine, golf and his family and friends. He will be greatly missed. Services for Edwin are private. The DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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Beebe, Charles Smith



Charles S. Beebe, 90, of Mystic, died peacefully Thursday morning April 14, 2022, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital. He was born in Hartford, CT on August 21, 1931, the son of Wilson Daniel and Lucy Smith Beebe. He was a graduate of Western New England University in Springfield, as well as Wentworth Institute in Boston. He served in the US Army from 1953 to 1955 before marrying Elizabeth (Lib) Russell in Asheville, NC on July 22, 1961. They lived in West Hartford, CT for many years before they retired to Mystic in 1993. His professional career included stints at Hamilton Standard, Leeds & Northrup and Raymond Engineering. While working for Hamilton Standard, he was very proud of the work he did to support NASA's Apollo 13 mission. He enjoyed gardening, stamp collecting and genealogy pursuits, as well as cracking jokes and telling everyone he met, "Keep smiling!". He was a member of several clubs in the community, including Masons Island Yacht Club (50+ year member), Hartford Golf Club, Godfrey Memorial Library, American Society for Metals, Hartford Chapters Instrument Society of America and The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, as well as volunteering at the Mystic Seaport. He is survived by his two children and their families; son Jonathan Marler Beebe, wife Christina and children Cate and Jack; daughter Taylor Emerson Merrill, husband Charlie and children Nolan and Grayson. In lieu of a memorial service, a celebration of his life is planned for a later date. The Beebe family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, celebration of life details and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.

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Whittemore Sr., Donald Edwin



Donald Edwin Whittemore Sr., 91 of Mount Dora, FL passed away February 21, 2022. Born in Rumford, ME on June 8, 1930, and predeceased by his beloved daughter Deborah Browning. Don was a resilient, caring man and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Joanne Thorne Whittemore of Mt Dora, FL and sons Stephen (Diane) of Weatogue, CT James of Enfield, CT Michael (Debbie) of Warwick, NY and Donald Jr (Leslie) of Geneva, FL. While attending Winslow High School, Don won numerous speaking and thespian honors and played trombone. He was a fan of Big Band jazz! After serving in the US Navy during the Korean War, Don graduated from the University of Maine and then moved to Enfield, CT in 1957 to join Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. (CIGNA). Retiring early, Don and Joanne moved to Highland Lakes in Leesburg, FL in 1992 before moving to Waterman Village in Mt Dora in 2016. Dad encouraged his kids to participate in music, scouting, church, and theatre. He loved his family and cherished his time with grandchildren and the growing number of great-grandchildren. We will remember Dad's passion for travel, whether it be driving cross-country while tanning his arm, camping with their RV or cruising the Caribbean. We admire his courageous battle with dementia these past few years, a true gentleman to the end.

A Catholic service was held at Waterman chapel in Mt Dora, FL on March 11th, followed by interment with military honors at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, FL on March 14th. Our family encourages people to visit the Harden-Pauli Funeral Home online guestbook at <https://www.hardenpauli.com/obituaries/Donald-Whittemore/#/TributeWall>

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McGowan, Carol M.(Walsh)



Carol M. (Walsh) McGowan, 97, of Manchester, beloved wife for 31 years of the late Frank B. McGowan, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Friday, April 15, 2022. Born in New Haven in June 1924, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Carol (Finer) Walsh. Carol earned her nursing degree from the Hospital of St. Raphael, where she subsequently worked. A loving mother and grandmother, Carol will be forever missed by her two children, Maureen Cusanelli of Manchester, with whom she made her home and David McGowan of Brentwood, CA, her step-daughter, Claire Conlon of Hamden; son-in-law, Michael Cusanelli; daughter-in-law, Amy McGowan and her three grandchildren whom she adored, Damien Cusanelli, Micaela McGowan and Colton McGowan. A special thanks goes out to the hospice and palliative care of Visiting Nurse & Health Services of CT for their ongoing help & support and to Heaven's Hands Home Care of Glastonbury for providing a loving and compassionate caregiver for our Mom in her final weeks. Funeral services will be private at the request of the family. Donations can be made to: Visiting Nursing and Health Services of CT, Hospice & Palliative Care Department, 8 Keynote Dr., Vernon, CT 06066 or Heaven's Hands Home Care, 30C Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, CT 06033. The D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the arrangements. To share a memory of Carol with her family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.



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In Loving Memory Of
LARS GULDAGER



7/29/1932 - 1/21/2022

Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate Lars Guldager's life on Sunday, 22 May 2022, 1-4 pm, at the Pond House at Elizabeth Park, 1555 Asylum Ave., West Hartford, CT. Join us for a send-off party he would love! To help plan the event, please RSVP to his daughter, Nikki Guldager (nikki.guldager@gmail.com), though RSVP is not required.

In Loving Memory Of
NOEL F MORAN



Please join us for a celebration of life on Sunday, May 22. He wanted a bash to send him off so that's what we are doing! Hopmeadow Country Club, Simsbury CT, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm or whenever it breaks up! Please share this invitation with whomever you think would like to attend. RSVP by May 15 to Alicia at 617-480-3474 or amoran608@yahoo.com or Frank at 860-878-8124 or fxmoran14@gmail.com.



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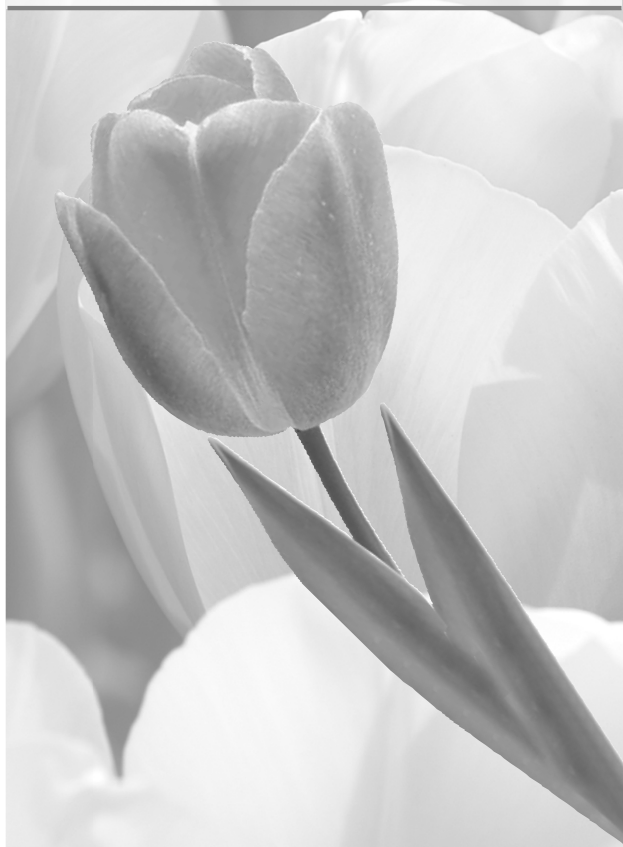
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Rachel Robinson, wife of the late Jackie Robinson, below, stands with Los Angeles Dodgers manager Dave Roberts at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on April 15 during a celebration of the 75th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's major league debut for the Brooklyn Dodgers. **KEITH BIRMINGHAM/PASADENA STAR-NEWS**

A lasting legacy

Jackie Robinson broke a long tradition — and not just in baseball

By Gary Franks

On April 15 we all witnessed the 75th anniversary of the breaking of the color barrier in sports by Jackie Robinson. This was one of the most momentous events in American history as it changed — via sports — the lives of all Americans.

There was a time when Black participation in society was limited. There were times in which America did not look like America. Segregation prevailed. You rarely saw people in buildings and at functions that included people of color, except in menial positions. No, not just in sports, but in every aspect of life.

For millennials and Gen Z — just imagine an America when by law certain things we take completely for granted were not allowed. For example, some states prohibited the marriage of a Black person to a white person. This law would have been a problem for many prominent people in U.S. who were in a biracial marriage — the ultimate integration.

The next most important aspect was employment. The problem in America was that Black people could not hold certain jobs or occupations, not because of a lack of capability or talent, but just because they were Black.

For nearly all Black students, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were the only opportunity for a college education.

Black people were not welcome at most white colleges in any meaningful numbers. That included the first Black Associate Justice on the Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall, who attended Lincoln University, a HBCU in Pennsylvania.

Due to the admission of Blacks in meaningful numbers in the 1970s, the next two Black people on the Court were from Yale and Harvard.

Next time you go to the post office and see a Black person you should realize that when I was a kid that was not allowed by de facto rules and laws.

Look at a Black police officer and that job too was not something you would see many,

if any, Black people holding. Also, it should be remembered that the few Black officers serving often could not arrest a white person.

I could go on.

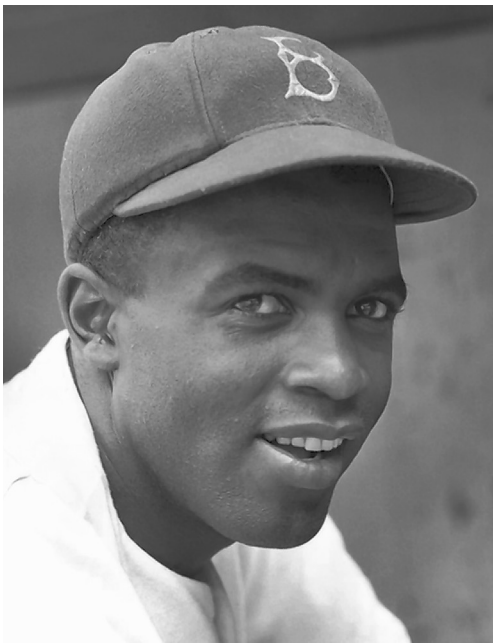
In my Forrest Gump-like life I lived in Stamford, Connecticut, in walking distance to the home of Jackie Robinson's widow. I traveled annually with the chairman of my employer, Chesebrough Pond's, to the Jackie Robinson Foundation Dinner where I got to know Rachel Robinson.

Most Black leaders during Jackie's time did not express any political affiliation. Jackie Robinson, however, was a visible and outspoken Republican. He supported New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

In fact, his actions sparked a walkout of Black delegates at the Republican Convention in San Francisco in 1964 over the GOP presidential candidate (Sen. Barry Goldwater) being on the fringes of the party for his opposition to the Civil Rights Bill of 1964. The vast majority of Republican senators voted overwhelmingly in favor of the bill, much more so than their Democrat Senate counterparts.

When others follow, you are a leader. And Jackie was the ultimate leader. Not only did baseball open itself up to capable Black athletes, but other sports followed, some slower than others.

But it was the beginning of other doors opening for Black Americans as well. Years after his baseball career, Jackie went on to become an executive at a major company in



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New York.

I shudder to think about what could have happened if Jackie had failed. After all, when Black people succeed some still want to shut it down for Black Americans.

Though I was the first Black person from an Ivy League undergraduate school to go on to Congress, just within my time at Yale, four other fellow classmates would follow as members of Congress.

Black Americans at Yale, also from my era, served in prestigious roles, one as a member of a presidential cabinet, another as a Supreme Court Justice, and another as a Fortune 500 chairman and CEO. The list of Black doctors, lawyers and educators is too long to mention. Success. We all have Jackie Robinson and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. — among others — to thank.

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A probate judge's DUI arrests show appalling judgment



Kevin Rennie

Probate Court Judge Peter Mariano faces a possible mandatory jail sentence for multiple drunk driving arrests and allegedly operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended. The four incidents occurred last year between April 28 and June 1.

Mariano is seeking a fifth four-year term in this year's general

election. The Naugatuck Republican was scheduled to return to court on his criminal charges on May 23, five days before delegates from Middlebury, Naugatuck, Prospect and Wolcott will meet to endorse a candidate for judge of probate. On Friday afternoon, after appearing on the Waterbury criminal court docket seven times, Mariano's court date was suddenly brought forward to Monday, April 25. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

A year ago, Mariano lost his ability to practice law but due to a quirk in the law has resumed exercising his authority as a probate court judge. In January,

Mariano petitioned the Superior Court to allow him to practice law again.

Mariano's publicly available application was accompanied by five pages of reports from two rehabilitation centers summarizing Mariano's in- and outpatient treatment. He was discharged from a facility a month before the first of his arrests, which began in April 2021, that one for a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol, state records and a report show. He returned to a center the day after his second arrest, which occurred on May 18, a report shows. Two more arrests followed on May 30 and June 1,

state records show.

Following further outpatient and inpatient treatment, upon his release, according to Dr. Kelli Baldrick, "Mr. Mariano is able to return to work without restrictions on October 26, 2021," a report shows.

Alcohol use is usually a private ordeal, even for public officials. Repeated arrests for allegedly driving while intoxicated and also driving with a suspended license would attract attention. Mariano's have not. Arrest reports and other evidence are not available to the public.

Connecticut's criminal laws dealing with drunken driving

reflect our understanding that people make mistakes. In most cases, a first arrest for driving under the influence will result in a defendant talking part in a diversionary program, a loss of license and no criminal record. Penalties escalate on subsequent arrests accompanied by convictions. Driving while intoxicated while one's license is suspended for driving while intoxicated can result in a prison sentence of up to three years, with a minimum sentence of one year.

The effects of Mariano's struggles could have been felt beyond

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EDITORIAL

Plan for car taxes a move toward equity

Let's get right to it: The way car taxes are imposed in Connecticut is simply not fair.

How can they be when the same car with the same value is taxed differently depending on which town or city we live in.

Consider this: Hartford's current tax rate is 74.29 mills (leaving out the complications of any special services districts and that the mayor has proposed to lower it). However, because of a relatively new cap on tax rates for motor vehicles, the Hartford rate for our car in this example is 45 mills, using fiscal year 2021-22 rates.

So, if we live in Hartford and our car has an assessed value, for property tax purposes, of

\$10,000, our bill would be \$450. (A mill is equal to \$1 of tax for each \$1,000 of assessment)

The bill for that same car in Madison would be \$288. This calculation also excludes any association tax districts and uses the basic Madison tax rate of 28.85.

So even with a change that allows the cap on the tax rate, the difference in payments for the same fictional car is more than \$150 a year. If the car's assessed value were higher, the difference would be higher as well.

The equation isn't exactly an elephant in the room: Folks have been complaining about car taxes for about as long there have been car taxes.

Scroll down to check the 2021-22 tax rates in all Connecticut towns, per state data.

"Again, it's really inherently unfair that a Toyota in East Hartford costs more than a Toyota in a lower-mill-rate town," House Speaker Matt Ritter of Hartford said recently.

He hit the nail on the head, as the saying goes.

But there might be help on the horizon.

Ritter has said Democrats are near an agreement with Gov. Ned Lamont on cutting the car tax.

The complicated part is that there are different plans being floated and those plans vary and depend on what the tax rate is in

each of Connecticut's 169 towns.

Gov. Ned Lamont, for example, wants relief for towns with a tax rate above 29 mills. A different plan would bring relief to towns with tax rates of 32.46 and higher, the Courant's Chris Keating has reported.

The important part is that there appears to be agreement that a cut will happen.

If it does, the state would reimburse municipalities for the lost tax revenues. We understand that there is worry that the state reimbursements would end if the state were to face difficult financial times in coming years.

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities is one of the groups that, while favoring the

tax-cut plan, has said it worries about the reimbursement ending.

Lawmakers must not let this happen.

This is a chance for the state to bring the absurd nature of car taxes in this state to a point that resembles equity.

Ritter also used Hartford as an example when he spoke to the plans: "You're going to see in Hartford, for example, essentially a 12-mill-rate reduction from what you paid in January to what you paid in July," he said.

Using our example, that would mean the car tax on our fictional car in Hartford would drop to \$330. That's not the same as you would pay in Madison, but it would be a lot closer.



New York's 843-acre Central Park, the nation's first landscaped public park, was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux. **FILE**

Hartford's Frederick Law Olmsted had lasting impact on American life

By Jeff Olmstead

April 26 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of a giant of 19th century America and a native son of Hartford, Frederick Law Olmsted. Although known today almost exclusively for his contributions to landscape architecture, Olmsted was far more accomplished and influential in his day than is generally recognized.

Olmsted was born in Hartford in 1822. He was the descendant of one of the founding settlers of Hartford, dating to 1636. Indeed, the name Olmsted can be found on the obelisk commemorating the city's founders in the Ancient Burying Ground on Main Street in Hartford.

Olmsted's father, John, was a dry goods dealer with a storefront on Main Street in what was, and still is today, downtown. He was a wealthy man and supported his son Frederick well into adulthood, financing his many efforts to find a calling in life.

Although very smart, Olmsted was an indifferent student as a child. He was educated by a variety of tutors around Connecticut, mostly in the countryside where he developed an early appreciation for the outdoors. Although he certainly had the intelligence and the means to attend college, an academic life did not appeal to him. His interests lay elsewhere.

Early experiences as a surveyor and in business did not fulfill Olmsted, but provided valuable knowledge and experience that would serve him well in his future work. He became a moderately successful farmer for several years and this experience also helped prepare him for his later endeavors.

He became a reporter and a writer, traveling through the southern states and territories in the 1850s to document the conditions and economic effects of slavery. He was a keen observer, and demonstrated an aptitude for reporting and writing. He authored several books based on his travels and was well known in literary circles. Initially only moderately opposed to slavery, he became convinced that slavery would be the downfall of the Union, and was an ardent supporter of abolition in the years just before the Civil War.

In 1857, Olmsted received a life-changing opportunity. He applied for and was awarded the job as superintendent of the effort to create a new, huge, city park in New York. The result is Central Park. Millions have found refuge from urban living in the vast park over the years. The design and creation of the park was a monumental task, and became his signature accomplishment. It also launched what

became an extremely successful and lucrative career as a landscape architect. Today, Olmsted is broadly credited with establishing the field of landscape architecture.

With the success and recognition that came with the creation of Central Park, Olmsted received prestigious commissions for many other landscape projects around the country. Among the designs he is famous for are Prospect Park in Brooklyn, the park system in Buffalo, N.Y., and Boston's "Emerald Necklace." He was also commissioned to design college campuses, notably at Stanford University, the University of Chicago and Smith College. Among the Connecticut projects attributed to Olmsted are Walnut Hill Park in New Britain and the grounds of The Institute of Living in Hartford.

But Olmsted's contributions to American life in the second half of the 1800s were not limited to his landscape work. In 1861, for example, he was tapped to be the first executive secretary of the newly created U.S. Sanitary Commission, the precursor to today's Red Cross. This private relief agency provided aid to thousands of sick and injured servicemen during the Civil War.

Olmsted was also an early leader of the conservation movement in the United States.

Throughout his life, he was interested in the outdoors and natural landscapes, and understood the value of open spaces to the beauty and vitality of America. He is credited with encouraging Congress to set aside the Yosemite Valley in California as a preserve in what was the early beginning of our National Park Service and its system of public lands.

Later in his life, Olmsted moved to suburban Boston. In 1883, he purchased property in Brookline for his home and office, calling it Fairsted. He renovated and landscaped the property and grounds that served as the headquarters for his successful landscape architecture business. The National Park Service acquired this property in 1980 and operates it today as a Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.

Olmsted died in 1903 in Belmont, Massachusetts. He was buried at the family plot in the Old North Cemetery off Main Street north of downtown Hartford, the city of his birth. A titan of 18th century America, we should all celebrate his legacy to our country and his connection to our capital city.

Jeff Olmstead lives in Bloomfield and is a distant relative of Frederick Law Olmsted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State response to Sheff has hurt Hartford schools

I share Fred Thornley III's concern about the plight of education in the Hartford School system as expressed in his op-ed [Opinion, April 5, "Join me in demanding equitable school funding"]. But I think he is looking in the wrong direction to solve the problem. I believe that conditions in Hartford schools are as he describes, but also believe that they are the inevitable and inescapable consequences of the manner our state government has responded to the worthy Sheff v. O'Neill lawsuit for which we are now apparently in a wrong-headed, self-congratulatory mode. Our response to Sheff v. O'Neill was to spend billions financing and creating an alternative regional school system that could only starve our city schools for necessary resources and create even worse conditions in which to teach our children.

Exactly how many overlapping school systems do we need? Our executive and legislature branches should demand an accounting if regional systems, such as CREC, are really working to the overall benefit of society and, in specific, the children of urban centers such as Hartford. I fear not.

Bob Duguay, Bloomfield

George Will way off base on Thomases

I have long thought that liberals who ignore George Will do so at their own peril. But Will's April 4 piece should not be ignored by only liberals, but by conservatives as well. His main point is that we needn't worry about Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' wife, Virginia, being, "politically, as mad as a hatter" because neither one is under the other's direction. So while it might look bad, there is nothing to worry about. Really? How about their shared political religion? Virginia believes poisonous election lies are reality. Her husband was the only Supreme Court justice to vote against releasing White House records related to Jan. 6 that would benefit the man who continually tells those lies. Justice Thomas is also against voting-rights laws, but for legislation that would allow states to ignore their own constitutions when passing election laws.

Will claims that the same people wanting to see Justice Thomas recuse himself from cases involving his wife, would see no conflict if another Supreme Court justice's spouse was an environmental activist. Why would they? The evidence for serious environmental problems is overwhelming. The evidence for 2020 election stealing is nonexistent.

Jim Iwersen, West Hartford

Excellent season by the UConn women

Although the UConn women's basketball team did not bring home their 12th national title from Minneapolis, they deserve a great deal of respect and admiration for getting to the championship game. After a season when lineups were uncertain due to injury and illness, the team came together toward the end and exceeded expectations. Players stepped up and showed a great deal of character, as did coach Geno Auriemma and his staff. It was a privilege to watch them in the tournament and even though they lost to a better team, the future looks bright. Can't wait 'til next year.

John Gallup, South Windsor

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We also have the good and decent American public who recognized our talents and supported our efforts as we enriched America.

As a child my family experienced racism at the highest levels, including being attacked by the Ku Klux Klan when we integrated into a previously all-white community. A giant cross was burned on our lawn, a dog was shot dead in our yard (the KKK thought it was ours), and I removed a dead possum from our mailbox dripping with blood and dropped it into the snow. We got nightly death threats and were happy to have guns in our house for protection.

And yet I was elected six times, largely by that same community to serve on the city

council and in Congress. Prior, no Black had ever demonstrated the ability to secure white votes in an overwhelmingly white congressional district (92%). Now there are many Black members of Congress who can make that claim.

We have come a long way. But we must better integrate all levels of employment within America, now.

Where people have good paying jobs there is little to no crime. That is the best remedy to alleviate crime — just a fact.

Gary Franks served three terms as U.S. representative for Connecticut's 5th District. He was the first Black Republican elected to the House in nearly 60 years and New England's first Black member of the House. Host: podcast "We Speak Frankly." Author: "With God, For God, and For Country."

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his reckless decisions to drive and risk injuring others. His performance of his public trust could have placed unreasonable burdens on those who appeared before him and especially the clerks in his office.

Probate judges are elected and serve with minimal supervision. The clerks in their courts are at-will employees with no job securities and fewer rights than any other state workers. The clerk who crosses a probate judge enters a difficult zone.

Probate judges are often called up to determine if a person before the court is impaired. If so, the judge can take away that person's independence and appoint a conservator to oversee some or all aspects of his or her life. Four arrests in five

weeks for repeated violations of straightforward laws reveals that, however popular Mariano, may be with local Republicans, he exercises appalling judgment.

Mariano does have an opponent for the Republican nomination for probate judge. State Rep. Rosa Rebimbas, R-Naugatuck, is challenging Mariano. She ought to win her party's endorsement next month, but local nominating conventions can feature all sorts of wheels within wheels of accumulated connections, debts and favors. Remarkably, the Middlebury Republican Town Committee has endorsed Mariano.

Connecticut continues to erect barriers to transparency. The details of the Mariano saga are not yet available to the public. What we know so far should preclude Republicans from nominating and voters from reelecting him.

COMMENTARY

How to avoid COVID-19 in a mostly mask-free world

By Lisa Jarvis
Bloomberg Opinion

This week's lifting of mask requirements on airplanes and, in many parts of the country, on public transportation is a major turning point in the U.S. pandemic response. From now on, it seems, avoiding or minimizing COVID-19 infection will be a personal endeavor, not a societal one.

This is for some people a welcome shift toward normalcy and for others a cause for anxiety and confusion. Many occupy an awkward middle space between not wanting to throw in the towel and also wanting to break free of some restrictions. About 42% of adults in the U.S. have gone back to some but not all of their pre-pandemic activities, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll. As the rules ease, avoiding infection gets harder.

"It feels like we're being asked to partake in a trust fall," says Ajay Sethi, an epidemiologist at University of Wisconsin-Madison. "When is the last time you did a trust fall and enjoyed it?"

Calculating and managing one's personal risk of COVID-19 in a community might be getting trickier, but it's still possible. Here

are the most straightforward ways to minimize your risk.

Roll up your sleeve

Some obvious advice bears repeating: The best way to protect against COVID-19 is to be vaccinated. COVID fatigue is discouraging some folks who eagerly got their initial shots from getting their boosters now. But the data are clear that vaccines keep most people out of the hospital and are estimated to have saved 1.1 million lives in the first year they were available. The value of a first booster for at-risk groups is also clear. Beyond lowering the risk of severe disease, scientists have found that it improves the potency and breadth of the memory immune cells so they are better equipped against new variants. Yet only about 30% of people in the U.S. have gotten their first booster.

Hang on to your mask

Mandates have lifted, but public health experts I've spoken with are nearly unanimous on the value of wearing masks in situations where people are crowded together indoors. Indeed, the current free-for-all means it makes sense to upgrade

your mask to a well-fitting N95 or equivalent. That includes on airplanes. Yes, planes have excellent air filtration — but only while in flight. The air-flow systems are typically turned off when planes sit at the gate or taxi, and then the risk of virus transmission is high.

People experiencing mask fatigue should remember: Masks need not be an all-or-nothing proposition, says Asaf Bitton, a professor of health care policy at Harvard Medical School. Consider your vaccination status and your surroundings. Going maskless is far less risky in a big box store with high ceilings, fans and an audibly rumbling HVAC system than it is in a packed bus or subway car.

In general, it pays to consider the ventilation and filtration of any setting in deciding whether to wear a mask.

Follow the poop

Data on case numbers have grown less reliable as more people test at home or don't test at all, but there are other ways to gauge the extent to which COVID-19 is going around. Hospitalization data remain the most reliable indication of an outbreak, but those numbers lag a rise in infections.

To see a wave coming, look to wastewater data, which tracks viral RNA levels in sewage. Everyone who has COVID-19 flushes evidence of their infection down the toilet — evidence that exists even before it would be picked up on a test. That makes wastewater data a good sentinel for rising cases.

Prepare for COVID-19 in vacation plans

People who are taking vacations should also consider the COVID-19 status of their destination, says Neil Maniar, director of Northeastern University's Master of Public Health in Urban Health Program. Also check out local vaccination rates and mask requirements. If a lot of virus is circulating, perhaps opt to eat only outdoors or take a private tour.

If you're traveling to another country, know what happens if you get infected there. How long would you need to quarantine, and where might you do that?

Constantly calculating COVID-19 risk may seem exhausting, but it's the safest way to navigate a mostly mask-free world.

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Abbott and DeSantis going too far



Carl P. Leubsdorf

There's an old saying in politics that the best government makes the best politics. But Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis seem to be approaching that backward.

Much of their current legislative and executive agendas seems designed more to strengthen their standing with the GOP's conservative base than to meet the serious needs of their states.

Along with massive war chests, it's a sign that both governors are focused as much on the GOP's 2024 presidential race as on their current jobs or even their 2022 reelection races, in which both are favored.

Their agendas have many similar aspects: imposing new limits on abortion rights, tightening voting laws to meet unproven allegations of fraud, and restricting local governments from requiring anti-COVID masks and mandates.

Some measures raise questions about the impact on the rights of individuals and local government or challenge the constraints of constitutionality. But the policies have helped to maintain the governors' popularity with their bases.

In recent weeks, however, both governors may have gone too far.

Abbott took a pair of questionable initiatives designed to show he is doing more to contain the nation's porous southern border than the Biden administration.

DeSantis strong-armed the obeisant Florida Legislature into passing a redistricting plan that may well violate the Voting Rights Act by eliminating two majority Black U.S. House districts.

Earlier, Abbott sent thousands of Texas National Guard troops to the border with little evident effect. Last week, he dispatched state troopers to stop much of the incoming truck traffic from Mexico to inspect it for contraband drugs and illegal immigrants.

He also launched a plan to bus migrants north to embarrass opponents of stricter border enforcement.

Neither achieved the desired results.

The enhanced border inspections, along with resistance by Mexican truckers, created a massive traffic jam. Abbott's inspectors reportedly found many safety violations but few illegal materials or people, while threatening spoilage of millions of dollars of Mexican agriculture products. Within days, he backed off, citing agreements with four Mexican states that mainly reiterated prior efforts.

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador called Abbott's actions



Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida holds up a 15-week abortion ban law after signing it on April 14. JOHN RAOUX/AP



Abbott

"despicable."

In Washington, the arriving migrants were greeted by social groups and other charitable organizations who welcomed them and planned to facilitate their settlement in the United States. Many migrants said they were happy to be there.

The entire episode bore resemblance to a failed 1960s effort by Southern segregationists to embarrass liberals staging "freedom rides" desegregating Southern transportation facilities by sending poor Black families to northern communities.

Meanwhile, in Florida, DeSantis signed a new law critics nicknamed "Don't Say Gay," which limits classroom discussions of sexual-related issues. The Legislature also passed his "Stop WOKE (the Wrongs to Our Kids and Employers) Act" curbing workplace and classroom discussions of diversity issues and stripped the special tax status of one of his critics, the Walt Disney Co.

Last week, he took the unusual step of inserting himself into post-census congressional redistricting, expanding what had been a typical effort by a majority party — Florida's Republicans — to take political advantage of the minority.

Since release of the 2020 census figures, both parties have tried to do that but encountered legal barriers. Ohio and New York state courts have blocked efforts by Republicans in the former and Democrats in the latter to enact one-sided redistricting plans.

DeSantis' plan goes beyond bolstering his party's numbers. Florida Republicans currently have a 16-11 majority in the congressional delegation, and a GOP legislative plan would have added the lone new seat for a 17-11 majority.

On Thursday, the Legislature approved it, giving the GOP a 20-8 margin and eliminating districts represented by Reps. Val Demings in central Florida and Al Lawson in northern Florida, redrawing the lines so the areas they represent would be folded into majority white Republican districts.

The Voting Rights Act makes it illegal

to provide some members of the electorate with "less opportunity than other members of the electorate ... to elect representatives of their choice," though it doesn't provide "a right to have members of a protected class elected in numbers equal to their proportion in the population."

In a sense, DeSantis seeks to expand on what Abbott and the Texas GOP did in their post-2020 redistricting by reducing the number of Hispanic-majority districts at a time when the state's population growth is mainly Hispanic.

Florida Democrats made clear they will appeal the redistricting plan, and federal courts will ultimately decide the issue, as they will in Texas.

One aspect of good government is fair representation. Whatever the legal outcome, however, Abbott and DeSantis have once again shown that their No. 1 governing principle is the satisfaction of their conservative political bases.

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Reframing the narrative around the process of post-traumatic growth



David Brooks

Barbara Lazear Ascher's husband gave her the news in the most straightforward way. "Looks like pancreatic cancer," he told her matter-of-factly after the test results came back.

She and their friends gave him a wonderful death. They had theme parties with matching drinks. "Dying was intimate, and I drew close," Ascher writes in her moving memoir, "Ghosting." "We were single-minded, welded together in the process of this long leave-taking."

The grieving right after he died was anarchic. "You'll think you're sane, but you're not," a widowed neighbor told her. Before long, she was begging CVS workers to turn off the sound system that was playing "I'll Be Home for Christmas." She began to fear bathing. She started giving her stuff away. She had visions of him on the street.

This kind of disorientation is brutal ... and normal. Grief and suffering often shatter our assumptions about who we are and how life works. Social psychologist Ronnie

Janoff-Bulman notes that many people assume that the world is benevolent, that life is controllable and that we are basically good people who deserve good things. Suffering and loss can blast that to smithereens.

"Trauma challenges our global meaning system," psychologist Stephen Joseph writes in "What Doesn't Kill Us." "It confronts us with existential truths about life that clash with this system. The more we try to hold on to our assumptive world, the more mired we are in denial of such truths."

This process of post-traumatic growth is more like rewriting a novel than like solving a problem or healing a wound. It's a process of reconsidering and reorganizing — crafting a different story. This is one of those tasks, which most of us have to perform a few times over a life, that nobody teaches you about in school.

The first phase is often slow and physical. The body is still in the savage grip of raw pain. It takes time for the body to experience enough new feelings of safety and connection — with other people — to contradict the shock of loss. When experts try to do grief counseling while people are

still overwhelmed, they often only further implant the trauma.

Gradually the process of restorying begins. This is taking a now fragmented life and slowly cohering it into a new narrative. Social psychologist James Pennebaker has people do free expressive writing, sometimes for just 20 minutes a day for four days. Don't worry about spelling and grammar, he advises; just let it flow — for yourself. In the beginning, people who take part in expressive writing exercises sometimes have different voices and handwriting styles. Their stories are raw and disjointed. But their narratives grow more coherent and self-aware as the days go by.

In "The Body Keeps the Score," Bessel van der Kolk says getting people to move their eyes rapidly, by giving them something dynamic to look at, loosens their memories. They become more aware of connections among dispersed events.

Then there is the process of regaining control over your beliefs. The mind is a relentless meaning-making machine. After loss, the mind, often unconsciously, leaps to wildly inaccurate and unhelpful conclusions. At moments like these, we don't always have thoughts. Our thoughts are

having us. A lot of therapy involves hovering over beliefs and emotions, recognizing them one by one and putting the thoughts on trial by stepping back and interrogating them. We have to struggle to regain control.

People rewrite the story of their lives not only with words but also with new actions. Suffering is evil, but it can serve as a bridge to others in pain. After loss, many people make a moral leap. When people see themselves behaving more compassionately, orienting their lives toward goodness instead of happiness, they revise their self-image and regain a sense of meaning.

Gradually, for some people, a new core narrative emerges answering the question, "What am I to do with this unexpected life?" It's not that the facts are different, but a person can step back and see them differently. Scholars differ over how common post-traumatic growth is. I just wish our society did a much better job of preparing people for these difficult tasks and accompanying them through them when the time comes.

Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times.



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Adam Pascal returns to The Bushnell as the lead in ‘Pretty Woman’ musical

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Adam Pascal is no stranger to Connecticut. He’s brought his concert act to Ridgefield Playhouse, Mohegan Sun and Norwalk’s MTC and Fairfield FTC in recent years, and in 2018 he played The Bushnell as the rock star William Shakespeare in the national tour of “Something Rotten.”

Now Pascal’s back at The Bushnell in Hartford April 26 through May 1 in the national tour of the musical version of “Pretty

Woman,” based on the classic movie romcom starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere.

Pascal plays leading man Edward Lewis, a cold businessman with a thawing heart who falls in love with Vivian Ward, a free-spirited prostitute he hires as a companion for upscale social engagements. Vivian Ward is played on the tour by Olivia Valli, a veteran of several Broadway tours who also happens to be the granddaughter of pop star Frankie Valli.

The songs of “Pretty Woman” are by Canadian pop star Bryan

Adams and his songwriting partner Jim Vallance, but the show also finds room for the Roy Orbison hit that gives the movie its title. The show was originally scheduled to play The Bushnell in February of 2021 but was postponed because of COVID.

On Broadway, Pascal is best known for originating the role in “Rent” of the desolate HIV+ musician Roger, a role he repeated for the 2005 film version, as well as for a 2009 tour that didn’t get closer to Hartford

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Adam Pascal and Olivia Valli in the national tour of the musical “Pretty Woman,” which plays The Bushnell April 26 through May 1. **MATTHEW MURPHY/MURPHYMADE**



Andrea Sygłowski, from left, Marsha Mason, Jeff Skowron, Hayden Bercy and Gabriel Amoroso in “Lost in Yonkers” at Hartford Stage. **T. CHARLES ERICKSON**

THEATER REVIEW

Nostalgic fumbling

‘Lost in Yonkers’ falls awkwardly behind the times at Hartford Stage

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

One unexpected programming gambit of the new Hartford Stage regime of artistic director Melia Bensussen and managing director Cynthia Rider is the exploration of the classic American family-based melodrama, a type of play that dominated American theater in the 20th century.

One of Bensussen’s predecessors, Michael Wilson, went there, reviving interest in the works of Horton Foote and

some tamer, lesser-known Tennessee Williams plays. Now Hartford Stage is offering Neil Simon’s 1991 Pulitzer-Prize winning “Lost in Yonkers,” but unfortunately this time there is no elevation, no revitalization, no revelation.

Hartford Stage’s season-opening production of “Ah, Wilderness!” — another family-rooted, semi-autobiographical melodrama — was more carefully thought through in terms of how it could be made relevant and emotionally resonant for modern audiences.

But this “Lost in Yonkers” is not a fresh

look. It’s also not as well done as the original 30 years ago. The script doesn’t make a good case for itself as being newly relevant or timeless or universal. When “Lost in Yonkers” first premiered, Simon was praised for adding gravitas and depth to his accustomed warm comic style. Now the equation seems reversed and what jumps out are the awkwardly placed, often insensitive and insubstantial wisecracks and sight gags.

Marsha Mason first worked with Neil Simon when cast in his Chekovian

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10 things to do and see in Connecticut this week

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

It’s a week of strange bedfellows, but combinations that may seem unlikely sometimes end up making magic. A socially conscious puppetry troupe from Vermont excavates Aeschylus. A Broadway star and an NPR broadcaster do a cabaret show. Canadian pop star Bryan Adams pens the tunes for “Pretty Woman The Musical,” and Beartooth is touring with three opening acts spanning two decades of punk, metal and hardcore. To top it all off, there’s a wedding.

War and peace

The second and final outdoor performance of Bread and Puppet Theater’s antiwar drama “The Persians,” based on the Greek tragedy by Aeschylus and infused with the music of Bach, modern dance and of course puppets, is staged outdoors on Sunday at 4 p.m. on UConn’s South Campus Lawn. Bring your own chairs and blankets. \$15, \$10 students. bimp.uconn.edu.

‘Och and Oy!’

Alan Cumming is the Broadway, TV and movie star who’s appeared in everything from “Cabaret” to “The Good Wife” to “The Spice Girls Movie.” Ari Shapiro is a journalist for NPR and one of the hosts of “All Things Considered.” Together, Cumming (who’s Scottish) and Shapiro (who’s Jewish) have concocted the act “Och and Oy! A Considered Cabaret.” After a COVID-19 pandemic postponement or two, it’s finally coming April 26 at 7:30 p.m. to the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield. \$90; \$165 with VIP meet-and-greet. ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

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Connecticut museums and galleries offering exhibits

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

Hartford County

New Britain Museum of Amer-

ican Art, 56 Lexington St.: “North America Divided,” which pairs 19th-century landscapes and genre scenes with works by contemporary artists Neil Jenney and Valerie Hegarty, is up until March 2023. “American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA” is up until Oct. 1. “Eva LeWitt” is up until Nov. 11, 2023. “The Poetry of Nature: Hudson River School Landscapes from the New-York Historical Society” is up to May 22. “Cowboys, Detectives, and Daredevils: Pulp Art at the NBMAA” is up until Aug. 7. The

Helen Frankenthaler virtual reality space is now on view. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: “Lamentations Tina Freeman” is up until May 15. “Your Absence Is My Monument: Merik Goma” is up until May 22. “Battle-grounds Elizabeth Flood” is up until June 12. realartways.org.

Art League of New Britain, 30 Cedar St.: CWA Connecticut Women Artists’ annual members’ juried show will be up to April 29. ctwomenartists.org. alnb.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Athenaeum is Alexander Calder’s massive red “Stegosaurus.” In front of the Athenaeum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Athenaeum is Carl Andre’s

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“Sky Catcher” by David Dunlop is part of the exhibit “David Dunlop: Journeys in Light” at Susan Powell Fine Art in Madison. **DAVID DUNLOP**

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“Stone Field Sculpture.” Also across the street from the Athenium is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

New England Air Museum, 36 Perimeter Road in Windsor Locks: An exhibit about New England women who made significant contributions to the history of aviation will be on permanent display. neam.org.

Mercy Gallery at Loomis Chaffee School, 4 Batchelder Road in Windsor: Artwork by Sarah Lutz is on view starting April 26. loomischaffee.org/arts/mercy-gallery.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: “Formative: Frederick Law Olmsted in Connecticut” is up to Aug. 28. “Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health” will be up until Oct. 15. Permanent exhibits are “Making Connecticut” and “Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut.” chs.org.

Monastery Gallery of Art at the Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road in West Hartford: “In the Spirit of Trust” is up until June 19. monasterygallery.art.

Widener Gallery in Austin Arts Center at Trinity College, 300 Summit St. in Hartford: An exhibit of paintings inspired by Ireland by by Professor of Fine Arts Joseph Byrne is up until May 6. trincoll.edu.

The Ethel Walker School, 230 Bushy Hill Road in Simsbury: “Vex the Ending,” a show of paintings by Steven Cabral and Tracy Hayes, is up until April 29. By appointment only by emailing calvarezedelugo@my.ethelwalker.org.

Chase Family Gallery at Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Ave. in West Hartford: Visual Passages: Marjorie Feldman” is up until May 10. mandelljcc.org.

Kent Library: 50 North Main St. in Suffield, presents work by Roger Duffy until April 30. suffield-library.org.

West Hartford Art League, 37 Buena Vista Road: “Members Annual Juried Exhibit,”juried by Camilla Cook, is up to May 1. west-hartfordart.org.

Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave. in Hartford: “Three Women Expressing the Languages of Color” is up until May 13. It features work by Cynthia Cooper, Suzanne Jill Levy and Clara Nartey. charteroakcenter.org.

Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Drive in Avon: A ceramics show, and “In Bloom: Buds and Blossoms” are up to April 30. artsfvac.org.

Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: “Nevine Mahmoud / MATRIX 188” is up to May 1. “Milton Avery” will be up to June 5. “Edward Russell Thaxter: Love’s First Dream” is up to July 3. thewadsworth.org.

Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: “Four Works by Ann McCoy” is up to May 28. usj.edu/arts/art-museum.

Clare Gallery at St. Patrick—St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. in Hartford: “Beyond the Subject: Work by Fr. Michael Reyes O.F.M.” will be up to May 23. spsact.org.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: “A. Walter Kendra: A Life in Art” plus a group show, “Down to Earth,” are up to May 21. galleryonthegreen.org.

WeHa Artists Emporium’s Art Trail will show and sell the work of 15 artists on April 30th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Raindate May 1) at 35 North Quaker Lane, 23 Farnham Road, 111 Foxcroft Ave., 70 Ballard Drive and 45 Griswold Drive. Artists are Stefanie Marco, Christy Corey, Kerri Michaud-Bagley, Rachel Shuler, Julie Phillipps, Amy Casazza, Annie Hayami, Monica Boeckmann Whalen, Samantha Barnard, Denise Balcanoff, Elizabeth Hanlon, Shannon Mastrangelo, Phil Dube and Kimberly Heil. facebook.com/groups/WE-HAArtistsEmporium.

Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery at Manchester Community College, on Great Path Road: Work by Berrisford Boothe will be up to April 29. manchestercc.edu.

New London County

Hygienic Art Galleries, 79 Bank St. in New London: “Collective Chaos,” a show of work by Justin Fritch, Bill Herzfeld and Matt Makela, is up to May 20. hygienic.org.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series “America: Over the Edge,” can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St.: “More than Hot Type,” a printmaking exhibit, is up to May 29. mysticmuseumofart.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: “New London County Quilts & Bed Covers, 1750–1825” is up to May 1. flogris.org.

Norwich Arts Center, 60 Broadway: Sandra Jeknavorian: Between Realms” is to April 30. norwicharts.org/exhibits.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: “Unbeatable Women: Power and Innovation in the Work of Women Photographers,” is up to June 19. lymanallyn.org.

Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: “Expanding Visions: Traditional and Beyond” and “Hudson Valley Art Association’s 89th Annual National Exhibition” is up to June 2. lymeartassociation.org.

Litchfield County

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: “Deborah Brown: The Shadow Paintings, Four Seasons” and “Janet Sobel and Ashley Shapiro: Spiritual Connection” are up to May 21. Open by appointment only. jamesbarronart.com.

Craven Contemporary, 4 Fulling Lane in Kent: “Quite an Eyeful,” works by artists who focus on eyes, is up until May 8. Artists include Julie Cockburn, Alice Neel, David Shrigley, Chris Levine, Tony Oursler, Mickalene Thomas and Alex Prager. artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: “Unexpected Windows: New Paintings by Elizabeth Gourlay” is up to May 15. kbfa.com.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: “Robert Cronin: Recent Paintings” is up to May 6. huntlibrary.org.

Five Points Gallery, 33 Main St. in Torrington: “Portraits in Red: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Painting Project,” with work by Nayana LaFond, and “Native Voices,” with work by Justin Beatty, Nate Begay, Patrick Collins, Jason Montgomery and Rebekah Jarvey, will both be up to May 7. fivepointsarts.org.

New Haven County

Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven: “Midcentury Abstraction: A Closer Look” and “Recent

Acquisitions” are up until June 26. “Gold in America: Artistry, Memory, Power” is up until July 10. artgallery.yale.edu.

Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven: “Bridget Riley: Perceptual Abstraction” is up until July 24. britishart.yale.edu.

Artspace, 50 Orange St. in New Haven: “Footnotes and other embedded stories” is up from April 30 to June 25. Artists are Leonard Galmon, Ruby Gonzalez Hernandez, Allison Minto, Julia Rooney, and Joseph Smolinski. artspaceenh.org.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

NXTHVN, 169 Henry St. in New Haven: “Let Them Roam Freely,” work by Hong Hong and Darryl DeAngelo Terrell, is up to May 15. nxthvn.com.

Gallery 53, 53 Colony St. in Meriden: “Twisted Visions,” a show of abstract art, is up up to April 28. gallery53.org.

Henry Whitfield State Museum, 248 Old Whitfield St. in Guilford: “Weld–Built: The Guilford Architecture of William E. Weld” is on view. portal.ct.gov/ECD-Henry-WhitfieldStateMuseum.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: “Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era,” “Children of the Elm City” and “Factory” are on view. newhavenmuseum.org.

Hamden Senior Center in the Miller Memorial Library Complex, 2901 Dixwell Ave.: Hamden Art League’s annual Goldenbells exhibit will be up until May 17. hamdenartleague.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St. in Waterbury: An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury” is up until Dec. 31. “The Village Project,” work by Denise Minnerly and Don Bracken, is up until May 8. “Two for the Road: Ernest Roth and André Smith in Europe” is up to May 15. mattmuseum.org.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: “Forest — Wander: Frank Bruckmann and Roy Money” is up to May 22. kehlerriddell-gallery.com.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: “David Dunlop: Journeys in Light” is up to June 11. susanpowellfineart.com.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: “6x6: An Invitational,” with work

by Rick Albee of Guilford, Judy Atlas of Milford, William Frucht of Danbury, Joyce Greenfield of New Haven, Abbie Griffiths of New Haven, Sheila Kaczmarek of Guilford, Kathy Kane of East Haven, Esthea Kim of New Haven, Lenny Moskowitz of New Haven, Gary Recchia of Guilford, Ruth Sack of Cheshire, and Ellen Burnett of Weehawken, New Jersey, is to May 1. city-gallery.org.

Hagaman Memorial Library, 227 E. Main St. in East Haven, will present “Shimmering Water & Seascapes: Photography by Victoria Navin” until April 30. hagamanlibrary.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: “Tradition and Transformation: Mithila Art of India” is up until July 31. benton.uconn.edu.

Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in Storrs: “Beth Pite, Col-orscapes” is on view through the end of summer. lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits.

Saxton B. Little Free Library, 319 Route 87 in Columbia: Artwork by Helen Cantrell is on show until May 31. columbiactlibrary.org.

Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: “Still Lifes and the Legacy of Charles Ethan Porter” will be up to April 30. artscentereast.org.

Fairfield County

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: “Milano Chow: Prima Facie,” “Duane Slick: The Coyote Makes the Sunset Better” and “Karla Knight: Navigator” are up until May 8. “Amaryllys DeJesus Moleski: Portal Pieces” is up until May 29. aldrichart.org.

Greenwich Art Society, 299 Greenwich Ave.: 105th Annual Open Juried Exhibition, curated by Brinda Kumar, will be up to May 5. greenwichartsociety.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: “Permanent Science Galleries: Natural Cycles Shape Our Land” is up until the end of the year. brucemuseum.org.

The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury: Scratching the Surface: David Haislip” is up until May 27. stillrivereditions.com.

Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave: “Beyond the Surface: Edward Holland, Will Hutnick, Emily Kiacz, Lizabeth Mitty and Erika Rane,” is up to April 30. hollistaggart.com.

Loft Artists Association, 575 Pacific St. in Stamford: “Artifacts,” a still life exhibit, is up until May 1. loftartists.org.

Fairfield University Art Museum, 200 Barlow Road in Fairfield: “Adger Cowans: Sense and Sensibility” is in the Bellarmine Hall Galleries to June 18. “13 Ways of Looking at Landscape: Larry Silver’s Connecticut Photographs” will be up until June 18. fairfield.edu/museum/

MoCA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: “Punk is Coming,” with work by Merrill Aldighieri, Amy Arbus, Emily Armstrong, William Badgley, Alex Bag, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Roberta Bayley, Janette Beckman, Celeste Bell, Richard Butler, Beth Collar, Jayne County, Jim Fields, Jill Furmanovsky, Danny Garcia, Richard Hambleton, Duncan Hannah, Tony Hope, Pat Ivers, David Johansen, Kevin Kerslake, Cindy Hudson Kral, Lynette Bean Kral, Ivan Kral, Helmut Lang, Jenny Lens, Linder, Judy Linn, John Lydon, Robert Mapplethorpe, Hans Neleman, Fabrika Ouch, Lisa Jane Persky, Thebe Phetogo, Amos Poe, Eileen Polk, Richard Prince, Dee Dee Ramone, Ruby Ray, Jamie Reid, Marcia Resnick, Ebet Roberts, Sheila Rock, Sue Rynski, Donna Santisi, Marian Schwindeman, Steven Sebring, Kate Simon, Penny Slinger, Patti Smith, Paul Sng, Julien Temple, Gail Thacker, Arturo Vega and Sally Webster, is up until June 5. mocawestport.org.

Middlesex County

College of East Asian Studies Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: “Strong Bodies for the Revolution: Pursuing Health and Power in the People’s Republic of China” is up to May 13. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: “Animals and People in the Landscape” will be up until May 8. spectrumartgallery.org.

Ben Parker Studio, 1 North Main St. in Essex: “Sip and Stare,” an exhibit that pairs artwork with flavors, will be up until April 29. A spirits event is April 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. A beer event is April 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. brdparker.com/sip-and-stare.

Windham County

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: “Work by Ann C. Rosebrooks is up until to April 30. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

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Picks

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Made in Amharica

Israeli singer/songwriter Gili Yalo brings his fusion of “Ethio-pop, R&B, funk and jazz” to the Mandell JCC of Greater Hartford on April 26 at 7 p.m. \$15 — \$25. mandelljcc.org.

Bryan Adams takes on Broadway

“Pretty Woman: The Musical,” starring Adam Pascal and Olivia Valli as the couple thrust together by a business arrangement

who end up enjoying each other’s company, comes to The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford, April 26–May 1. The show was on Broadway from 2018-19, and this tour was originally due in Hartford in February of last year. The songs are by Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance. Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 6:30 p.m. \$35-\$115. https://bushnell.org/shows-concerts/pretty-woman-the-musical.

Looking for laughs

Anti-comedian and punchline provocateur Neil

Hamburger returns April 28 at 8 p.m. to the Space Ballroom, 295 Treadwell St, Hamden. It’s a live endurance test in meta-comedy with badly combed hair. \$20. spaceballroom.com.

Full of Hartt

The Hartt School at the University of Hartford continues to celebrate its 100th anniversary (which happened a couple of years ago but was interrupted by the pandemic). On April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bushnell’s Belding Theater, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford, the Hartt 100 Orchestra honors recent Hartt faculty retirees. The music program includes Sibelius’ Symphony no. 4, Mussorgsky’s Songs of Dances and Death (featuring baritone Thomas Cannon) and Rossini’s “William Tell” overture. The conductor is Ziwel Ma. Free, but a ticket is required. hartford.edu.

Look out below

Beartooth’s “The Below Tour” (named for the band’s latest album) gathers a loud assemblage of hard rock, metal and hardcore acts from the last two decades. Beartooth is the punkiest band on the bill and the youngest. The others are Silverstein, The Devil Wears Prada and Erra. April 30 at 7 p.m. at College Street Music Hall, College St., New Haven. \$36.50–\$46.50. college-streetmusichall.com.



Bread and Puppet Theater’s outdoor presentation “The Persians,” based on Aeschylus’ war tragedy from 472 B.C., is at UConn April 23 and 24. JOHN BELL

Hot tunes

Guitarist/vocalist Jorma Kaukonen and bassist Jack Casady formed Hot Tuna in 1969 as a bluesier side project from when they were both active in Jefferson Airplane. Outside of a few dormant years in the late ’70s and early ’80s, Kaukonen and Casady have stuck with Hot Tuna for over half a century. The current tour boils Hot Tuna down to its essence: The founders are an acoustic duo. April 30 at 8 p.m. at Infinity Hall, 32 Front St., Hartford. \$60–\$85. infinity-hall.com.

Whiskey shots

Southern rockers Whiskey Myers, from Palestine, Texas, have been heard on the “Yellowstone” TV series and ridden high on the country and rock charts. Whiskey Myers’ Tornillo Tour comes to the Oakdale, 95 S. Turnpike Road, Wallingford April 30 at 8 p.m. \$34.50–\$64.50. concerts.livenation.com.

Married bliss

“Zoey’s Perfect Wedding” is a wild comedy from Matthew Lopez, whose plays

range from “The Legend of Georgia McBride” to “The Inheritance.” As you might guess, it’s about a big wedding and how worked up everyone gets. April 30–June 5 at TheaterWorks Hartford, 233 Pearl St., Hartford. Performances are Tuesdays through Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. \$65. twhartford.org.

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RETIRING AT SEA

‘Cult cruisers’ who book back-to-back sailings found navigating the pandemic difficult

By Danielle Braff
The New York Times

On a Wednesday morning in March, Rita Deitchman, 74, was wearing a Royal Caribbean diamond necklace, earrings and bracelets as she perched on the boardwalk of the cruise company’s 6,988-passenger ship, Wonder of the Seas, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

This was Deitchman’s 196th cruise — her 18th since September 2021, when, after a year and a half on shore while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention halted sailings from U.S. ports and then the cruise lines worked out their COVID-19 protocols, she got back on a ship. She waved her hands, delighted to greet everyone strolling her way.

“I love to meet people, to socialize,” she said.

Deitchman is among a small and devoted band of cruise passengers, self-described “cult cruisers” who book back-to-back cruises for, well, more or less forever, aiming to essentially live on board. Since she resumed cruising, she has spent only one day on shore for laundry and regrouping while she waited for her next sailing.

When the pandemic shut down all sailing from United States ports, these cruise enthusiasts basically lost their homes.

So for them, the return to cruising was more than an invitation to book another vacation. It was a welcome home.

While tales of these cult cruisers are primarily anecdotal, when Cruise Critic, a leading cruise review site, did a survey in 2017 of 3,100 people about the concept

of retiring at sea, 59% said they had a strong interest in the idea, and another 27% said they’d consider it if the price were right.

“The average person is getting their week vacation and maximizes the week,” said Mark Tamis, the senior vice president of hotel operations for Royal Caribbean International. “But it’s not that uncommon to try to live on the ship.”

Deitchman and her husband moved from Scranton, Pennsylvania, to a small condo in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, three years ago so they’d be closer to the ships. But they never expected to actually reside in their tiny condo for as long as they did.

“It was just meant to be a place to do laundry while we waited for the next cruise,” she said.

Stuck on dry land

As they waited to resume cruising, many of the devoted fans continued to allocate their time to cruising, though they were land-based.

Denorah Irby, 53, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, spent her time during the pandemic looking at cruise videos on YouTube with her husband, Curtis. Those videos weren’t necessarily of cruises they’d taken or planned to take. They were simply videos of strangers on cruises, as the Irbys desperately tried to get their cruise fix off the water.

“It was a tough two years,” Denorah Irby said.

Frank Shumard, 69, had a big plan for when he retired from his position as a transportation safety director for Waste Corporate of America six years ago: He



For this devoted group of cruise fanatics, most of them retirees, the aim is to almost never touch dry land. DANIEL CASTRO MAIA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

would move from his home in Shell Knob, Missouri, to a condo in nearby Table Rock Lake, and he’d spend his winters cruising and his summers on the lake. “I didn’t even care where I was going when I was on the cruise — I was happy just to sit up on the lounge chair and watch the ocean go by.”

When the pandemic crushed his plans, it was the closest Shumard came to being clinically depressed, he said. During the pandemic, Shumard felt totally lost.

He cheered himself up by creating a “drink of the day” and posting it to the

Holland America Cruise Facebook fan page. Eight hundred drinks later, Shumard and his partner, Lynn Shriver, climbed back onboard, and spotted his favorite bartender.

“It was so nice to see a face that I knew, and to shake hands, and it was such a relief to see that he was there, that he was well: It was magical,” Shumard said.

Loyal to their lines

All the major ship lines, from Royal Caribbean to Princess to Holland America, have their own loyalty programs that reward frequent sailors with every-

thing from drink coupons to room upgrades. But while the perks are big business — and the cruisers proudly wear their loyalty badges in the forms of pins and other jewelry — many cult cruisers say they don’t return to the same lines because of the rewards.

Instead, they pledge fealty to a specific cruise line for how it syncs with their personalities and desires. The Royal Caribbean cruisers, for example, say they love the friendly crew and passengers they consistently meet on the ships. (The cruise line says one of its biggest fans has spent 9,500 nights

onboard.) Viking cruisers point to the line’s luxury and all-inclusive pricing (Wi-Fi, basic alcohol packages during meals and shore excursions are included in the base fare). Holland America fans return for the crew, the food and the intriguing itineraries, like a 35-night cruise that makes stops along England, Scotland, the coast of Norway, Iceland and the Norwegian-controlled Arctic island of Spitsbergen. Many Holland America ships include outposts of B.B. King’s Blues Club, and the focus on live music also draws many repeat visitors.

Diane St. John’s retirement plan involved seeing the entire world through the lens of a Holland America cruise. The 77-year-old retired English teacher, who lives in San Luis Obispo, California, when she’s not cruising, said she was halfway done with her eighth around-the-world cruise (each of which is about 120 days) when the pandemic hit, and she was forced to disembark in Fremantle, Australia, barely making it out of the country before the borders closed.

St. John’s first post-pandemic cruise was a back-to-back cruise on the Koningsdam: A California coastal cruise followed by a week to Mexico. Then, she took three back-to-backs.

“I just felt that we were at home, and we were so comfortable,” St. John said. “It was like being home again, and wrapped in a fuzzy blanket.”

She didn’t cry, though. “I save my tears for disembarking after four months of a world cruise,” she said.

‘Yonkers’

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comedy-with-music “The Good Doctor” in 1974, was married to him from 1973-83 and was nominated for Oscars for her starring roles in three of his movies, most importantly “The Goodbye Girl.” Mason stars in this “Lost in Yonkers” as the imperious Grandma Kurnitz, who begrudgingly lets her 13- and 15-year-old grandsons Arty and Jay stay with her so their father can travel to work off the debts from the boys’ late mother’s cancer treatments.

Mason also co-directs the play with Hartford Stage artistic associate Rachel Alderman, whose credits at the theater include “Cry It Out” and collaborating on the Christmas offerings “A Christmas Carol,” “A Community Carol” and “It’s a Wonderful Life.” Given the family-friendliness of most of Alderman’s local endeavors, the lack of an ensemble feel here is remarkable. As for Mason, she sets herself at odds with just about everyone else on stage, finding her own rhythm and volume and rarely interacting convincingly



Marsha Mason as Grandma and Gabriel Amoroso as Arty in “Lost in Yonkers” at Hartford Stage. T. CHARLES ERICKSON

with those she is speaking to.

Simon was inspired to write “Lost in Yonkers” based on some family lore about an uncle with vague connections to the Mafia. The playwright imagined a scenario in which characters loosely based on his brother and himself spend 1941 having lost their mother, being apart from their father for months, living with an intimidating octogenarian grandmother,

working in her candy store and having bizarre encounters with their petty hoodlum uncle. It’s a coming-of-age saga with comic situations that are unlike any other coming-of-age sagas you are likely to see.

There’s another central character in “Lost in Yonkers”: Arty and Jay’s mentally impaired Aunt Bella, who is not based on anyone Simon knew. In his 1999 memoir, Simon,

describing the character, says Bella’s “growth as a human being was stunted. She became a 15-year-old child in the body of a 38-year-old woman, with all the desires and needs of a mature woman, but with the inability to understand these desires.”

If that description sounds like lightweight pop psychology, it especially plays that way today.

Too much of “Lost in Yonkers” is simplistic and surface-level. World War II is used as the shared generational cultural experience it once was but no longer is, a basic backdrop used to explain both how the boys’ father can get a well-paying job and how everybody seems uncertain about the future. It’s a misty mood, not a detailed backdrop.

In fact, there is also lax attention to period detail. For example, a sofa bed doesn’t fit the time period. Yes, this is the sort of production that makes one’s mind wander to such questions as “I wonder when the sofa bed was invented?” Not a good sign. In other respects, however, Lauren Helpen’s set design is the best thing about this show. It’s bright and glowing and open and frisky. If only the perform-

ers could match its verve.

The performances in “Lost in Yonkers” are all over the place. Some of the characters (like Liba Vaynberg’s Gert) are reduced to a single recurring joke. Some actors, like the wide-shouldered Michael Nathanson as the burly, bumptious Uncle Louie, play broadly, while Mason underplays severely as Grandma. Andrea Sygłowski as Bella seems to change her style based on who she is talking to. The children (Gabriel Amoroso as Arty and Hayden Bercy as Jay) perform by rote and talk too fast, a disappointment at a theater that has done exemplary work with young actors in recent years for “A Christmas Carol” and “Make Believe.”

Not only do the family members barely seem related, they seem to come from different plays, unable to find a consistent tones and style. Perhaps Hartford Stage is the wrong space for it, with a thrust stage that doesn’t neatly accommodate old-fashioned proscenium-style living room sets.

But the depth of writing is the main issue. “Lost in Yonkers” may be charming nostalgia for some, but it doesn’t make a great case for continued relevance.

We simply don’t look at dysfunctional families and damaged characters this way anymore. In the writing, Simon seems strangely unconfident, inserting cheap jokes late in the show where they’re not needed, desperate to make sure there are laughs even when they undercut the dramatic tension.

“Lost in Yonkers” exists in a strange nostalgic vacuum, not of when it is set but when it was written. If you liked the 1991 Broadway production you will likely like it now. But this is not an exercise in rediscovery, or a successful attempt to reassess a once-popular playwright or build him a new pedestal. Instead, it shows us cracks in the old one.

“Lost in Yonkers” by Neil Simon, starring Marsha Mason and co-directed by Mason and Rachel Alderman, runs through May 1 at Hartford Stage, 50 Church St., Hartford. Performances are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at, with added matinees \$30-\$100. hartfordstage.org.

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Pascal

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than Boston or Schenectady. But he’s also starred on Broadway as Radames in “Aida,” Billy Flynn in “Chicago,” the master of ceremonies in “Cabaret,” Huey in “Memphis” and Shakespeare in “Something Rotten.” In films, Gen X Utah punks know Pascal as the dapper Eddie from “SLC Punk!” and “Punk’s Dead: SLC Punk! 2.”

Pascal spoke to The Courant recently about touring, taking on iconic roles and still getting offered handsome, leading-man roles in his 50s.

Q: Having you on this tour is like the old days when a Broadway star would go on the road with shows they were just in.

A: I guess that’s true, a little. I did a “Rent” tour, but not until 12 years later. Then

“Something Rotten,” and now this. I only did “Pretty Woman” on Broadway for two and half weeks, when [its original Broadway star] Andy Karl wasn’t able to do it.

Q: Were you able to find your own way into the character? Has the show changed at all since Broadway?

A: I’ve taken over roles a lot, and I’ve realized how to do it. I saw the movie when it came out but didn’t revisit it. This show can be different. It’s interesting to have an opportunity to figure out what our own story is. To me it’s an archetypal Cinderella or Shakespearean story. It works surprisingly well. We’ve found just the right tone. There have been a considerable amount of changes to the show since Broadway. The director made a lot of changes for the London production, and those are in this show now.

Q: You must like touring. And you must remember The Bushnell.

A: It’s beautiful, though my criteria for what makes a good theater can differ... What does the backstage look like? Does the sink work? It’s amazing to me that there are places where the water doesn’t get hot enough to wash off your makeup.

Q: You’re still getting the buff, sexy, leading-man roles: Shakespeare, this...

A: All of these things and it suits my age range.

Q: Have you spent much time in Connecticut?

A: I’m from New York — Long Island then Manhattan — so I’ve been to Connecticut a lot. I grew up hanging out on boats. We’d go to the Rusty Scupper in Stamford all the time.

Q: Are you not doing your



The national tour of “Pretty Woman” stops at The Bushnell this month after being postponed from COVID. MATTHEW MURPHY/MURPHYMADE

solo concerts while you’re on this tour?

A: I’m not doing concerts right now. I didn’t want to do more on Broadway right

now. I was looking to do a tour. We’ve been out again since September. The tour lasts through May of 2023. It’s been great. I love what

I do.

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History and mystery in Glastonbury



Rick Steves

Two hours west of London, Glastonbury is a mecca for seekers. It gurgles with a thought-provoking mix of history and mystery. For the views, hike up the 500-foot-tall Glastonbury Tor (a grassy, conical clay hill capped with an old church tower), and you'll notice the remains of the labyrinth that made climbing the hill a challenge some 5,000 years ago.

In AD 37, Joseph of Arimathea, Jesus' wealthy tin-merchant uncle, supposedly brought a vessel containing the blood of Christ to Glastonbury, and with it, Christianity to England. (Joseph's visit is plausible because back then, merchants from the Levant came here to trade with the local miners.)

While that story is supported by fourth-century writings and accepted by the Church, the King Arthur and Holy Grail legends it inspired are not. Those medieval tales were cooked up when England needed a morale-boosting folk hero to inspire its people during a war with France. They pointed to the ancient Celtic sanctuary at Glastonbury as proof of the greatness of the fifth-century warlord, Arthur. In 1911, his supposed remains, along with those of Queen Guinevere, were dug up here, and Glastonbury was woven into the Arthurian legends. The Camelot couple was reburied in the abbey choir and their gravesite is a kind of shrine today. Many believe the Grail trail ends at the bottom of the Chalice Well, a natural spring at the base of the tor.

England's first Chris-



Glastonbury is a center for searchers. It's too out-there for the mainstream church, but just right for those looking to recharge their crystals. **RICK STEVES**

tian sanctuary was built right next to the Chalice Well. Eventually, a great abbey rose on the site. Mix the scant ruins of England's oldest church with the mystique of King Arthur and Holy Grail, add the hard work of a busy monastery, and, by the 12th century, Glastonbury was the leading Christian pilgrimage site in all of Britain.

At its peak, Glastonbury Abbey was England's most powerful and wealthy, part of a network of monasteries that by the year 1500 owned a quarter of all English land, and had four times the income of the king.

In the 16th century, Henry VIII, on a rampage against the power of the monasteries, destroyed Glastonbury Abbey. For

emphasis, he hung and quartered the abbot, sending his body on four national tours — at the same time. Two centuries later, Glastonbury rebounded. In an 18th-century tourism campaign, thousands signed affidavits stating that water from the Chalice Well healed them, putting Glastonbury on the tourist map.

Today, Glastonbury is a center for searchers. It's too out-there for the mainstream church, but just right for those looking for a place to recharge their crystals. Since the society that built that labyrinth worshiped a mother goddess, the hill, or tor, is seen by many today as a symbol of the Sacred Feminine.

For those fascinated with mysterious Britain,

within a short drive of Glastonbury there are a world of sights. You can see countless forgotten tombs, man-made hills, and figures carved into hillsides whose stories will never be fully understood.

Perhaps the most evocative are the stone circles, souvenirs of England's misty, distant past. The most famous, Stonehenge, and a much larger, less-touristy stone circle at Avebury are both about an hour's drive from Glastonbury. Most believe stone circles functioned as celestial calendars, helping early societies know when to plant, when to harvest, and when to party. Some believe that Stonehenge is built at the precise point where six "ley lines" intersect. Ley lines are theoretical lines of magnetic or

spiritual power that crisscross the globe. They are believed to have been very important to prehistoric peoples, and more recently embraced by the New Age movement.

The geology contributes to the mystery of this land. Southern England's shoreline is lined by famed white chalk cliffs. And that same white chalk is just below a thin layer of topsoil all across the region. Eons ago, all it took was a shovel and a little hard work to peel away the soil and transform rolling hillsides into works of art — or messages.

Travelers to this day are entertained by giant white figures popping out of these grassy green slopes. Many are creations of 18th- and 19th-century Romantics acting out against the coldness of the Industrial Age,

but a few of these figures have, as far as history is concerned, always been there. One figure in Dorset, an hour from Glastonbury, is particularly eye-catching: The Cerne Abbas Giant, armed with a big club and an erection, is hard to ignore. For centuries, people fighting infertility would sleep on Cerne Abbas. As my English friend explained, "Maidens can still be seen leaping over his willy."

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Visiting Norway a dream for Ropp

By Jae-Ha Kim

Tribune Content Agency

Ask Will Ropp about his favorite vacation spot and he'll answer without hesitation: Walt Disney World. "I've been going there since I was a kid and have had some of my favorite family and childhood memories there," said the Los Angeles-based actor, who's one of the stars of "The Fallout" (HBO Max), which won three awards at the South by Southwest Film Festival. "When I was 12, I went on a trip with my mom to Disney World. Her health was failing and it ended up being the last trip we would take together. And in that way, it was both the best and worst (vacation). I really treasure that trip. That might be why I have such a strong attachment to (Disney World)." Ropp stays in touch with his fans on Instagram (@willropp) and Twitter (@willropp).

Q: What kind of traveling have you been doing during this pandemic?

A: It's been a difficult pandemic, but as things have started to come back, it's been nice to be able to travel more. Since things have opened up, I've been fortunate enough to go on some fun trips. I love to ski and was able to go to Winter Park, Colorado.

Q: If you had to cancel travel plans due to the COVID-19 outbreak, where were they to?

A: This last Christmas, I had to cancel plans to see my family and ended up staying in L.A. Thankfully,



"The Fallout" actor Will Ropp says he would love to visit every national park in the United States. **RYAN ORANGE**

I was able to quarantine with a few great friends, so it wasn't too lonely.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: I have a buddy who has a cabin in Sault Ste. Marie in northern Michigan, which is a really cool old place. It's the (third) oldest city in the United States (and the oldest city in Michigan).

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: Always get something local. It gives you the opportunity to experience the culture. Like if you're in Jacksonville, get my grandma's turkey tetrazzini.

Q: Food trucks or fine dining?

A: Definitely a food truck! I get tacos every other day from trucks around L.A.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?

A: I love going backpacking with my friends! It's so nice to escape cell service, spend quality time and get to know people.

Q: Do you have any plans for summer vacation this year?

A: I want to go to Mexico City. I've heard the culture and food are amazing. I was just talking to a friend who recommended different neighborhoods and restaurants and it made me super excited.

Q: If you've ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?

A: I went to Belize with my family and stayed in the rain forest in this really isolated place. Being in nature like that was really special.

Q: What are your five favorite cities?

A: Jacksonville, San Diego, Las Vegas, Ann Arbor and Paris.

Q: Where have you traveled to that most reminded you of home?

A: I'm actually in Ann Arbor (right now), where I went to college (at the University of Michigan). It really became a second home for me. I grew up a lot while I was at school there. This trip really feels like a homecoming.

Q: Where would you like to go that you have never been to before?

A: Norway and Montserrat. I've always had this strange dream that I'd get married in Norway, and one of my best friends grew up in Montserrat, so I've always wanted to visit.

Q: What is your guilty pleasure when you're on the road?

A: I love regional fast food. I only have it on rare occasions — just a couple of times a year, but it's fun to see the restaurants change with the scenery.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Lufthansa refunded one ticket but not the other

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: Lufthansa canceled a flight for my wife and me from Orlando, Florida, to Budapest, Hungary, via Frankfurt, Germany, last year. The airline promised a full refund. Four months later, I received a refund for one of the tickets. I've been trying to get a refund for the second ticket. I have made numerous phone calls and sent emails. I've tried to talk to a superior and keep getting cut off. Lufthansa owes me \$1,583. A representative told me the case had been "archived," and I've heard nothing further. Can you help?
— Raymond Menna, The Villages, Florida

A: I'm sorry Lufthansa canceled your flight. Under Department of Transportation rules, you should have received a refund to the original form of payment within a week — not four months later. I should note the timeline on this case. Lufthansa canceled your flight in April 2021, and you received your first refund in August. So, this isn't one of those early pandemic cases where the entire world was turned upside down.

By the way, "archiving" a complaint is just a polite way of saying they're done with you, and no one will respond to your questions.

But your case is a little more complicated. It looks like you booked these flights through Orbitz. Lufthansa didn't cancel your original flights; it made a schedule change.

Under EU consumer protection rules, you could have received a refund or a credit. You chose a credit. Lufthansa then canceled your next flight.

That means Lufthansa needed to refund your ticket credit rather than issue a full refund. Instead, it appears Lufthansa refunded one of your tickets, but not the other.

As I said, it's a little confusing.

A case like yours is an important reminder to always read the applicable rules and consumer protections — and also, to stay off the phone. Based on your records, Lufthansa just kept hanging up on you or putting you on a long hold. Instead, keep your communication to email so that there's a paper trail.

Remember, I list the relevant executive

contacts for companies like Lufthansa on my consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/lufthansa-airlines/. A brief, polite email to one of them might have helped, although Lufthansa has been rather unresponsive lately.

But not this time. I reviewed the paperwork on your case and reached out to the airline. A representative contacted you and offered to refund your second ticket, which you accepted.

Christopher Elliott is the chief advocacy officer of Elliott Advocacy, a nonprofit organization that helps consumers resolve their problems. Elliott's latest book is "How To Be The World's Smartest Traveler" (National Geographic). Contact him at elliott.org/help or chris@elliott.org.

CELEBRITIES

‘Ozark’ put actor on Hollywood’s radar

By Alicia Rancilio
Associated Press

“Ozark” will drop its final seven episodes of the series Friday, wrapping up the story of a couple, played by Jason Bateman and Laura Linney (Marty and Wendy Byrde), whose family moves to Missouri and descends deeper and deeper into a life of money laundering, drugs and murder.

Tom Pelphrey (Ben) is no longer on the show, but his character has made a lasting imprint. Pelphrey’s character was introduced in season three as Wendy’s brother. A tortured soul with a heart of gold, Ben had bipolar disorder and stopped taking his medication. His resulting erratic behavior threatened the Byrdes’ underbelly operation.

Spoiler alert: In the season three finale, Wendy left Ben in the path of a hit man, and the show has operated since as though the character is dead (although fans hope it’s not true.) Ben looms large over the remaining “Ozark” story.

A pivotal scene for Pelphrey and for viewers was of Ben riding in a taxi. He talks at the driver for more than four minutes, in a very nonlinear pattern, quickly shifting topics while sometimes in tears, highlighting his mental illness.

“As an actor, there’s nothing you want more or there’s nothing more than having good material,” said Pelphrey recently. “I’d had weeks to prepare, so I memorized it back and forth and up and down, and I knew it as good as I knew my name. We did that speech so many different times in so many different ways and each time they would just let me go.”

Pelphrey was already on an upward career trajectory going into “Ozark,” but he admits it “was a



Tom Pelphrey, who is seen March 11, is no longer on “Ozark,” but his character Ben made a lasting imprint. **ERIC GAY/AP**

game changer job.”

Later that year, he also appeared in David Fincher’s “Mank” and co-stars with Josh Brolin in the supernatural mystery series “Outer Range,” now streaming on Amazon Prime Video.

Filming began on “Outer Range” in January 2021 in New Mexico, when the pandemic and restrictions kept many people indoors. Safety protocols on set were strict, and Pelphrey describes it as “a strange sense of being completely isolated, juxtaposed with the most amazing cast.” He says the filming bubble brought the cast closer together, and they all still keep in touch.

Work keeps Pelphrey on the move. He likes to drive to his filming locations with his trusty dog, Blue.

He just filmed a limited series with Elizabeth Olsen and Jesse Plemons called “Love and Death” for HBO Max.

He also has a role in “She Said” based on the book by New York Times journalists Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey about their investigation into Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein and sexual misconduct.

Pelphrey, originally from New Jersey, says he isn’t sure what comes next. “I’ve thankfully had a very good run recently. But it also means, I haven’t really been home in a long time. I am completely at peace and grateful.”

April 24 birthdays: Actor Shirley MacLaine is 88. Singer Barbra Streisand is 80. Actor Michael O’Keefe is 67. Actor Cedric the Entertainer is 58. Actor Rory McCann is 53. Singer Alejandro Fernandez is 51. Actor Reagan Gomez-Preston is 42. Singer Kelly Clarkson is 40. Singer Carly Pearce is 32. Actor Joe Keery is 30. Actor Jordan Fisher is 28.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Dad feels in-law undermining over FaceTime

Dear Amy: I am a husband and father of an 18-month-old daughter.

I’m concerned about how my mother-in-law treats my wife and daughter.

She calls my wife multiple times a day to FaceTime with her granddaughter.

The problem I have is that my mother-in-law keeps saying things to our toddler like: “Don’t worry — whenever grandma is talking to you, you don’t have to listen to your mom.” Or when my wife tells my daughter to stop doing something, her mother will say, “Grandma says it’s OK.”

The last time I heard this I wanted to grab the phone and say: “Mom makes the rules, if you can’t follow them, you can’t see our daughter.”

My wife says that it isn’t my place (I agree) but she hasn’t set boundaries, yet.

My mother-in-law is coming to visit in about a week and I’ve been stressing about it.

I don’t think I want to hold my tongue if she tries to say the same things when she is in our home.

I’m all for grandparents spoiling grandkids, but when my daughter is throwing food on our floor and grandma says, “It’s OK — make your parents clean it up” I want to ground grandma.

Your suggestions?
— *Nervous*

Dear Nervous: Keep your cool. The calmer and more consistent you are, the more effective your response will be.

If your mother-in-law directly countermands you, and if you are certain

she isn’t just being playful, you can say, “I’m going to have to stop you. We are her parents, and we need to make the rules for her, even if you don’t agree. Can you help us out here and not contradict us?”

She may say, “Oh, I’m only joking, don’t take this so seriously.” And you can respond, “I get it, but we’re trying to be consistent, and her sense of humor isn’t quite developed yet.”

Dear Amy: My sister has been with her fiancé for four years. They live together and plan to marry in July. This will be the second marriage for both. They’re in their 50s, and both have grown children.

They live in a wonderful city and enjoy a nice lifestyle, playing tennis, traveling, etc. He is a doctor and she, a corporate recruiter.

My sister couldn’t be happier, as her previous marriage was full of grief and frustration.

All was going well until her fiancé’s daughter (in her 20s) dropped out of college and moved in.

Apparently, her dad covers this daughter’s expenses and does not require much (if anything) in return. He lets her do as she pleases, and that means sleeping until noon, not working and asking my sister, “What’s for dinner?”

You can probably see where this story is going. My sister’s blissful pre-honeymoon phase is being interrupted by this third person’s constant presence. It frustrates my sister (to no end) that her fiancé has not set down any ground rules.

Further, she fears that the daughter may end up living with them for many

years to come; something she didn’t bargain for when she moved into his house and accepted his marriage proposal.

Your take?
— *Concerned*

Dear Concerned: It’s “his house,” “his proposal,” and “his daughter,” but it’s her life.

This is not the way to enter a family system where two smart, successful and advanced-age adults should be holding hands and in basic agreement about their marital partnership.

This also sets your sister up for failure, as the hard-working future step-mother of a young adult.

Every couple should receive premarital counseling — but especially couples blending families, finances and property.

I would suggest that your sister put the wedding on hold until she and her fiancé get on the same page regarding all of their children.

Dear Amy: Not a question, but a comment: Why are some of the issues raised in your column so trivial? It seems like people really work hard to get worked up about things.
— *Tired*

Dear Tired: I find that generally, if someone isn’t interested in a particular cultural issue, they will find that topic trivial.

My take is that our world is wide enough to accommodate issues of all sizes.

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HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You could run into some red tape today. Someone may ask you to do something unfamiliar — and without giving you very much direction. Rely on logic and intuition to guide you, as you’re unlikely to receive outside instruction.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): It’s hard not to say what’s on your mind! You may find it difficult to keep your mouth closed when you’re presented with criticism, but saying nothing is better than saying something that you’ll regret. Things will likely go better if you let it go instead of saying something that potentially draws their ire.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Secrets may come into play today. You might learn some unexpected information. This may feel like a juicy piece of drama that you’d love to share, but you would be wise to keep the secret. You want whoever shared this info with you to still trust you in the future, so don’t jeopardize that.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Someone may show that they’re not who you thought they were. They may try to convince you that you misunderstood them or take back what they said. Even if it’s not a major event, it might make you change your mind about trusting them. Trust your intuition.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): It could be difficult to keep your commitments today. You will likely want to show up for all of them, but there are only so many places that you can be in at once. Be judicial about how you choose to spend your time — later, you can make it up to anyone that you have to disappoint.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It’s easy to talk yourself out of being disciplined. You may find yourself distracted by drama from other people. You may spend the entire day focused on them and fall into bed tonight having procrastinated tasks that you promised yourself you’d finish. Make an effort to show up for yourself.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Negative thinking can hold you back today. Setbacks may seem more dramatic or frustrating than usual, and giving up could sound quite appealing. Don’t be defeated on the first try! Come back with a second try and maybe even a third before you decide it’s not worth your time and effort.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Communication can be healing today. You might be tempted to hide from the world rather than contact someone. Now isn’t the time to push people away — instead, you can take this moment to talk to someone you trust. A conversation should help stave off the blues.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Efficiency might be overruling emotions for you. You may be going through the logical motions while being emotionally checked out. Pay attention to what people are saying — especially their emotions. Make an effort to be reassuring rather than dismissive.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Oversharing may feel dangerously natural today. Someone might tell you something quite personal, which entices you to say something personal in return. Getting caught up in the conversation and spilling your secrets could happen. Just be careful you might regret having shared something later.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Certain parts of your past might no longer fit your current self. You could have recently begun to feel out of touch. You’re allowed to mature as a person and change your interests. Plus, you may not have the same people around. It’s okay to tweak old traditions!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): It may be time for a spiritual replenishing. You have been caught up in life, but you’re due to check in with your inner self. Barreling through life can create a hectic mind space, so slow down. After this spiritual refreshment, you might have clarity about where you’re headed in life.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On April 24, 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North’s post-Civil War rule in the South.

In 1915, in what’s considered the start of the

Armenian genocide, the Ottoman Empire began rounding up Armenian leaders in Constantinople.

In 1967, Soviet cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov was killed when his spacecraft smashed into the Earth during reentry; he was the first human spaceflight fatality.

In 1990, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off from

Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope.

In 1995, the final bomb linked to the Unabomber exploded inside a Sacramento, California, office.

In 2013, in Bangladesh, a shoddily constructed eight-story commercial building housing garment factories collapsed, killing more than 1,100 people.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SCRABBLEGRAMS

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

LILY IRIS ROSE
LILAC TULIP
PEONY GARDENIA

JUMBLE

EATERY HUMANE
SWERVE TURNIP
DOUBLE SEPTUM

Easter candy was now on sale “Buy One, Get One Free” to —

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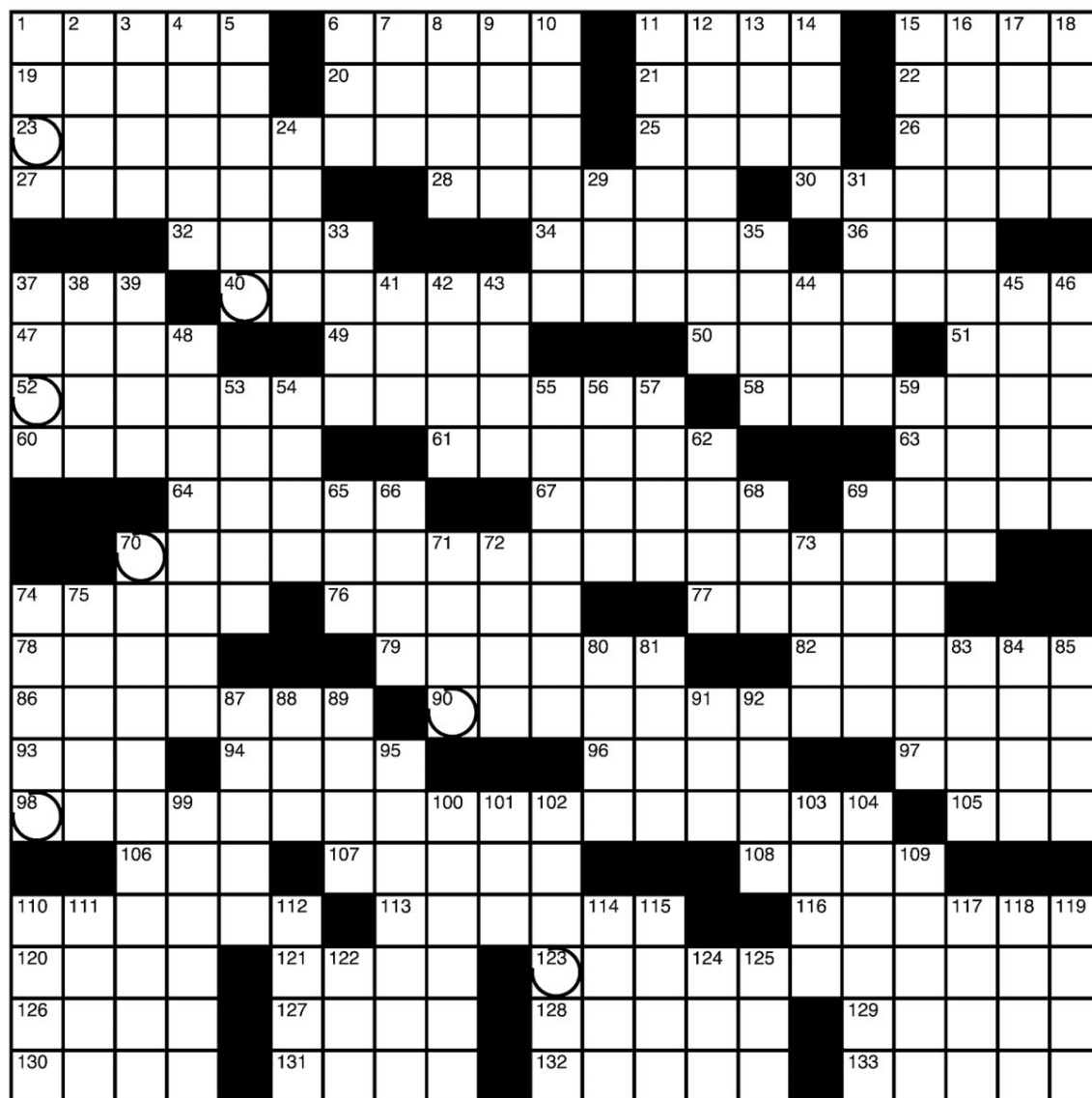
ARTS&LiViNG

Extra Special

By Christina Iverson

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11. __ one's time
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19. Steered
20. Ma Rainey player Davis
21. Ones in wool coats
22. Muscle car rod
23. Holiday-themed minifigures in LEGO Advent calendars?
25. __ bean
26. Muscle car roof
27. Like Zippo lighters and Maglite flashlights
28. Not for keeps
30. Major reversals
32. Whole Foods section
34. Leaves off
36. Pulitzer-winning Glass
37. Club kin
40. Formal complaints about a sommelier's recommendations?
47. "I'm all __!"
49. "Kiss Me Deadly" singer Ford
50. __ Vogue
51. TV pioneer
52. "You're not allowed to feel that way!" e.g.?
58. "Eleven": Emily St. John Mandel novel
60. Furniture wood
61. Bite
63. Tierra en el mar
64. Post, as on a bulletin board
67. Gold unit
69. Photo filter
70. Tale of the hora?
74. Wasn't well
76. Ball of the Bulls
77. Post-workout indulgence
78. Subj. for Elinor Ostrom and Emily Oster
79. Walks loudly
82. Five cents
86. Mosaic piece
90. Surfer's dream?
93. Born
94. Hershey candy in gold foil
96. Skiing aid
97. Arcade name
98. Way to manage the study of Ceres and Vesta?
105. __ de crème



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107. Vowel-rich first guess in Wordle
108. Growing concern
110. Plant pests
113. Did the tango
116. Wet floor?
120. Print maker
121. "Spring forward" unit
123. Pretty but ineffective dressing?
126. Apple variety
127. "Blackfish" killer whale
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129. Co-founder of A.A., familiarly
130. Metal bands?

131. Sturdy trees
132. Like flourless cake
133. Naturally powered elevator?

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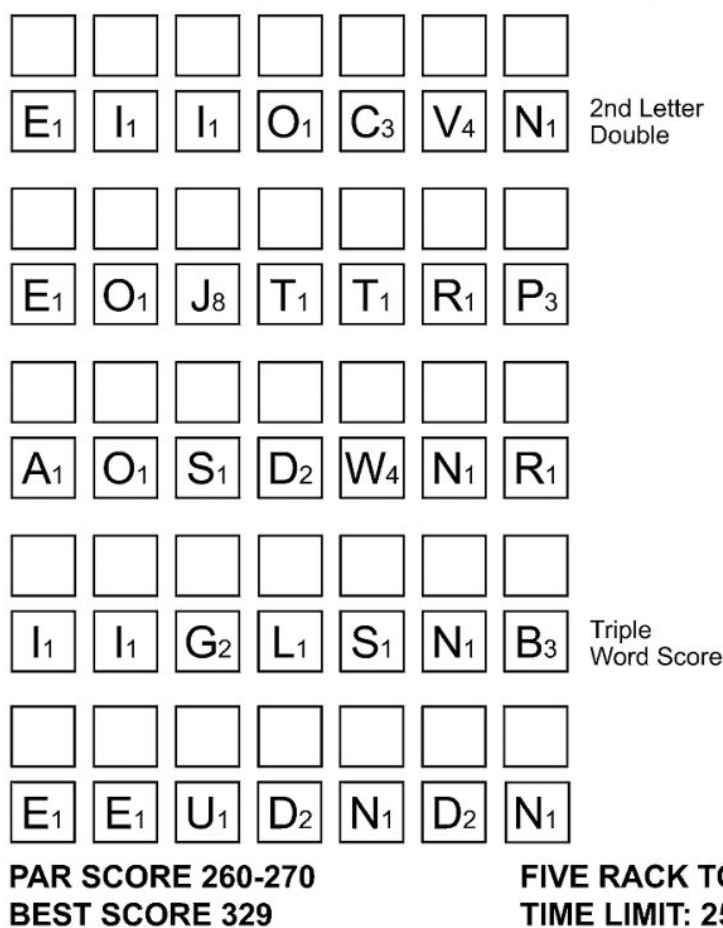
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3. Wander
4. Meeting place for a H.S. film club
5. Prevented from being on time
6. Grape, in Spanish
7. Diarist Anaïs
8. "Africa" band

9. "Doom Patrol" actor Tudyk
10. Fixture in some patio firepits
11. "Hey now, that's unreasonable!"
12. "Gimme!"
13. Actor Patel
14. Genesis twin
15. Planet with 53 named moons
16. Bacon specification
17. North Carolina college town
18. Spices (up)
24. Ward with awards
29. "Egad," like, way updated
31. Disney princess voiced by Anika
Noni Rose

33. Pottery oven
35. Understands
37. Suds
38. Gold fabric
39. Stepped
41. Clear (of)
42. Thing
43. Second start?
44. One seeing Spots?
45. Gut bacteria
46. Yemen metropolis
48. Dublin's St. _ Green
53. Epic featuring Paris
54. Old Dodge
55. Trying
56. Morales of "Ozark"
57. Oscar winner Laura
59. Closet organizers
62. Gets behind
65. Short address
66. All in favor
68. PreCheck org.
69. Justice Sotomayor
70. Very relatable
71. Not behind
72. Hilfiger rival
73. Ditty
74. Insurance giant
75. Fruity frozen drinks
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83. Stay fresh
84. Therefore
85. Test with logic games
87. Blundered
88. Kanga's kid
89. Shawkat of "Arrested Development"
91. Civil rights initialism
92. Coral habitat
95. Idiosyncratic sort
99. Privileged few
100. Twinkly toppers
101. Kyo of the "Star Wars" sequels
102. Geometry giant
103. Org. that sent Juno to Jupiter
104. Fashionable
109. Sierra _
110. Natural hairstyle
111. Penniless
112. "Amscray!"
114. Roof trim
115. Mousetrap brand
117. Dad, in Chinese
118. Challenges on the field
119. Burden for many students
122. British singer Rita
124. Trauma ctrs.
125. "Later, gator"

SCRABBLEGRAMS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

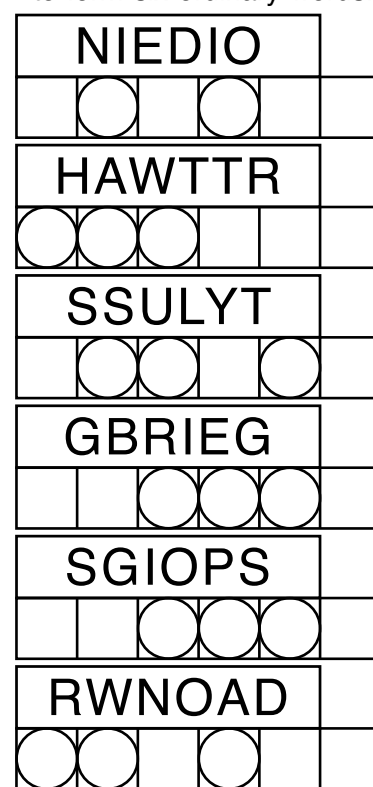


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JUMBLE

By Jeff Knurek and David L. Hoyt
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Unscramble these Jumbles,
one letter to each square,
to form six ordinary words.



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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

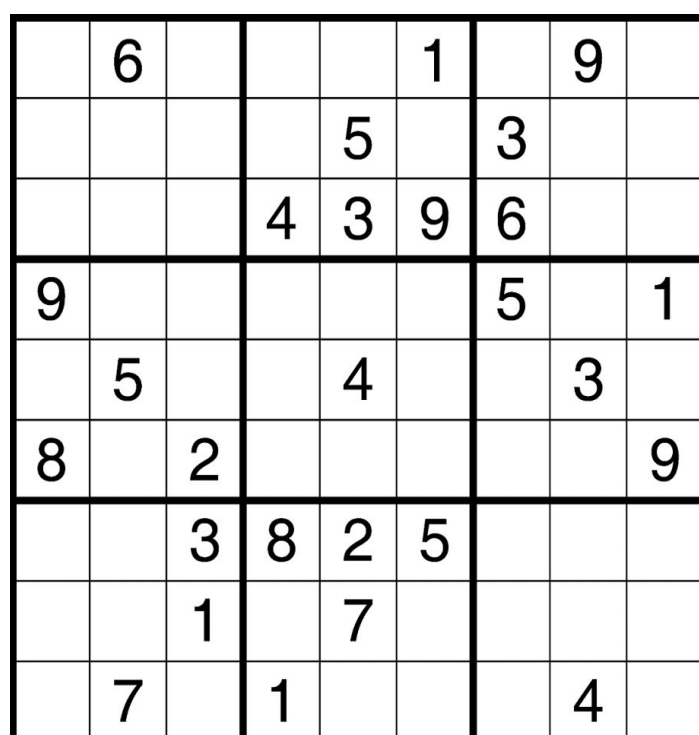


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

To play: Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Instructions: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.



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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS. D6

MY PET WORLD

How to select quality pet food that fits your budget

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: I have two cats that are 4 years old. I recently had them in for what I thought was going to be a simple (teeth) cleaning, but both had several extractions, the result of genetic issues. As I am on disability, that was a heavy bill to pay. When I tried the food additives and kibble changes they recommended to help their teeth, my cats would not eat them. I am feeding Iams right now. An infomercial made me question if I should give them something else if I can afford it. Can you offer me any guidance? If I cannot help their teeth, I would like to try something to help their overall health for kidney and diabetes issues, which past cats have had.

— Jenn, Batavia, Illinois

Dear Jenn: The first thing to look for on the pet food product is the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) statement and label that indicates the food has “complete and balanced nutrition” and is appropriate for the stages of life for which the food is intended, whether that be gestation/lactation, growth, maintenance, senior, or for all stages of life. Iams is a good quality pet food that falls under these guidelines.

On the label, all ingredients must be listed in descending order by weight. Meat may not be the first ingredient, but should be in the top four. Ingredients with chemical-sounding names may be vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients, so look up any words you don’t know.

AAFCO has standards for how pet food companies can claim the meat in their products. AAFCO’s 95% rule applies to the total weight of the meat ingredients when compared with the other ingredients. For example, the meat in a



When looking for quality pet food, your best bet is to find one with the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) label, writes Cathy M. Rosenthal. **DREAMSTIME**

“Chicken and Lamb” diet must total 95% of the total weight.

The ingredients also must be listed in order of predominance. So, the product can’t be listed as “Lamb and Chicken,” if there is more chicken than lamb in the product.

Pet food manufacturers can also add descriptive words like “platter,” “dinner,” “entrée,” “nuggets,” and “formula” to the name. Foods with these names must follow AAFCO’s 3% rule, which says “Beef and Liver Dinner” must be at least 25% of those ingredients with the second ingredient being at least 3% of the combined total. So, there might be 22% beef and 3% liver in a “Beef and Liver Dinner.”

AAFCO regulations also define the use of the term “with” when part of the product’s name. Any food that says “with real chicken” has only 3% chicken in its product. When you see the word “flavor” added to any meat, such as “Chicken Flavor,” no specific percentage of the meat is required to be in the food. In most cases, it is a meat by-product that lends only flavor to the product.

Your best bet is to find a quality pet food with the AAFCO label and with

proteins that fall under the 95% or 3% rule. While there are pet foods for different health concerns, please talk to your vet before feeding these diets. Of course, the best cat food is the one that your cats love and you can afford, so don’t sweat this too much.

As for oral health care, you can brush your cat’s teeth, use dental wipes, put dental additives in their water, or find treats that are crunchy and good for their teeth.

Dear Cathy: I read the question from Mark from Baltimore about his Yorkie’s fear of the oven. I would be willing to bet the dog’s

fear is not of the oven, but of a smoke alarm. My dog freaked out when a smoke alarm went off almost every time my wife used the oven. She was not a bad cook. The alarm was only 12 feet away from the oven. My dog was scared and associated the oven with the smoke alarm. After removing the smoke alarm, it took about a year for her to relax with the oven on.

— Bob, Tucson, Arizona

Dear Bob: If a dog is always frightened by a smoke alarm when someone is cooking, it’s natural for him or her to generalize and develop a fear of ovens. It can take months or even a year for that same dog to realize the severed connection between the smoke alarm and the oven. I am glad she has recovered from this fear.

Several readers also expressed concern that maybe Mark’s dog was picking up on a gas leak, but he says this happens in every kitchen she has been in.

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Are guests not supposed to use the toilet in powder rooms now?



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: I attended a party where I suddenly needed to use the toilet, hurriedly retreating to a nearby powder room. After I exited, the hostess gave me a withering look and barely spoke to me for the rest of the evening, apparently unhappy that I had violated her very elegant room.

I realize that I should have asked her permission first, but time was of the essence. Besides, I did not wish to get specific about my needs. At what point is it assumed that powder rooms are not lavatories and that the toilet in them is strictly ornamental? Are they limited to use only by ladies who wish to powder their noses and refresh their makeup? Being a gentleman, I have no such needs.

Gentle reader: The nutty notion that guest towels are strictly ornamental has been around for some time now. They’re called guest towels, aren’t they? Why is it so hard to figure out what they are for? The taboo is so prevalent as to cause hosts who notice that their bathrooms are pristine after guests’ usage to wonder whether it was a mistake to shake hands when the guests left.

Yet the notion that the entire bathroom is a work of art not to be touched is beyond nutty. Can you not picture what would be in store later for a hostess who forbade her guests to use the bathroom?

Please reexamine your memory of this party. Was the hostess really annoyed at you? If so, could it have been something else you

may have said or done? Or something entirely unrelated to you?

Miss Manners suggests that your letter of thanks add that you hope that you were not the cause of any distress. She doubts that the response will be, “Well, you went to the bathroom! Couldn’t you have waited until you got home?”

Dear Miss Manners: I am the proud grandmother of five grandchildren. Four of them range in age from 10 to 20. The fifth one passed away at 5 weeks old. She was born with a rare, complex, congenital heart abnormality. She fought really hard and endured 12 open-heart surgeries in her short life. She would now be 13 if she had lived.

People often ask me how many grandchildren I have. I usually say five, and that often segues into being asked for their ages. I feel awkward giving the ages for four grandchildren, then explaining that one passed away. I don’t always really want to discuss it with people I don’t know, and I also don’t want to seem like I’m asking for sympathy.

At the same time, it doesn’t feel right not to acknowledge that I have another granddaughter. She deserves to be recognized as one of my grandchildren, even if it’s just in a passing conversation.

What would be the best way for me to address this to inquirers in a way that doesn’t ignore my granddaughter, but respectfully nips the conversation?

Gentle reader: There is no disrespect in failing to mention a significant tragedy in a casual conversation. If anything, Miss Manners would have said the reverse: that the loss of your granddaughter at such a young age is too personal to share with a stranger. The ages of your grandchildren “range from 10 to 20,” which is likely as much detail as is of interest to the inquirer.

Dear Miss Manners: I love using online chats for business questions. It’s quicker than email and better than sitting on hold forever, plus I have a transcript of what was said.

However, ending the chat is confusing. They are taught to write things like, “Anything else I could help you with?” or “Have a good day.” The former requires a response, and the second might. Do you end the chat, or let them? If you end it, what is a polite but unequivocal way of saying, “I’m signing off now?”

Gentle reader: The lack of a comfortable rhythm for ending chat sessions has been noticed by Miss Manners as well, but the basic rules have not changed. As you are the customer, it is up to you to confirm that the reason for your call has been addressed. “No, thank you. Goodbye” is an adequate response to the first option, and “Thank you, goodbye” to the second. You will, however, have to have the courage of your convictions by then signing off.

Dear Miss Manners: My first name is Eddie. I have a friend who constantly calls me Eddie Spaghetti. It bothers me to no end. I am not a wet noodle. Without offending him, how do I get him to knock it off?

Gentle reader: Smile wanly and assure him you have never heard that one before.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.



Today, men’s swimwear style is shorter and more fitted bottoms. **DREAMSTIME**

Men’s styles for beach, pool



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: Where I live, the weather is warming up enough for me to start thinking about swim season. I’m a 30-something man trying to up my “fashion” and thought I could start with something simple: swimwear. Can you offer any guidance for what is stylish for men’s beach and pool wear this season?

— Jason T.

Dear Jason: You only have to look at photos of pro basketball players over the years to see what a difference a few inches of fabric can make. Today, men’s swimwear style is for shorter and more fitted styles instead of the looser knee-length of the recent past. Think an inseam of 5 to 7 inches (measured from the crotch using the inside seam to where that seam ends). That said, not all body types are suited for the current trimmed down beachwear fashion styles. Look in the mirror — front and back views — before

you buy. For sure, there are men who can even rock a tiny Speedo. And, hey, Jason, if you’ve got a rock-hard body and great abs, you can look good in anything.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I’ve never been comfortable lounging by the pool in a swimsuit. I’ve got issues with my body that I’d prefer to keep under wraps. Can you offer some guidelines for swim cover-ups that look stylish and won’t make me look wrapped up like a mummy?

— Elizabeth O.

Dear Elizabeth: Any dress or top that is easy to wash and can stand up to sun, sand and a little moisture will work for you. Even better if the fabric has a UPF (ultraviolet protection factor) of 30 or above. The Skin Cancer Foundation (skincancer.org) rates UPF clothing 30-49 as “very good protection” and 50+ as “excellent.” For instance, UPF 50 fabric blocks 98% of the sun’s rays letting only 1/50th to penetrate.

As for style, if you are intent on genuinely covering up, pick clothing that slips easily over your swimwear and covers to mid-thigh, knee or even ankle. These also can have sleeves that are lightweight but offer arm coverage. Many items sold as cover-ups are mesh, see-through or so lightweight that they don’t do the job. You didn’t ask, but for men — especially men with ample guts — there’s nothing wrong with covering up with a non-clinging shirt, such as a loose-fitting button up instead of the customary T-shirt.

Angelic Readers

Readers had several suggestions for Lily O., who was having trouble finding a swimsuit that gave her the modesty and coverage she was seeking. Cheryl G. has had good luck with swimwearforall.com, where swim dresses and swim tunics in longer lengths and higher necklines are available. Lesley W.’s suggestion is calypsa.com, where there are many options — tops and bottoms — designed for coverage including swim leggings and long swimming bike shorts.

Now it’s your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel ellen@gmail.com.

Can melatonin solve family bedtime struggles?

By Jenny Gold
Kaiser Health News

For three exhausting years, Lauren Lockwood tried to get her son Rex to sleep through the night. As an infant, he couldn't sleep without a blanket over his carrier to drown out the world around him. At age 2, it sometimes took hours for him to fall asleep, only for him to be jolted awake from night terrors.

Over the years, Lockwood, a nurse midwife who runs a group for new moms from her home in Oakland, California, experimented with a gamut of approaches to bedtime. When Rex was a baby, she let him "cry it out" so he could learn to put himself back to sleep. As he got older, she would lie beside him for hours each night. Finally, she hired a sleep consultant who created yet another plan that didn't solve the problem.

Then she read about melatonin, a hormone released by the human pineal gland that helps regulate the sleep cycle. Melatonin is sold as a dietary supplement at pharmacies across the U.S. and marketed for kids in the form of chewable tablets, flavored liquids, and gummies. "I thought maybe he just needed a reset," said Lockwood.

From the very first night, said Lockwood, "it was like a whole different kid." She gave him a melatonin tablet and read him a story, and he fell asleep almost immediately. "Our plan was to use melatonin for two weeks and stop."

Six years later, he still takes it every night.

Throughout history, parents have searched for the secret to a smoother bedtime: sleeping together, sleeping apart, offering stuffies and pacifiers and warm milk, even spending \$1,600 on a "smart" bassinet that responds to a baby's cries with white



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In 2021, Americans spent \$1.09 billion overall on melatonin supplements, a nearly 150% increase over 2018 sales, according to data provided by NielsenIQ. Meanwhile, the number of reports of melatonin poisoning involving young children — meaning they ingested excessive dosages — more than doubled from 2017 through 2021, according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers. There were about 46,300 melatonin poisoning reports involving children age 5 and under in 2021, up from nearly 19,400 in 2017. Potential symptoms of an overdose include headaches, dizziness and irrita-

bility. Only a handful of the reported incidents led to major medical issues.

"It speaks to the ubiquitousness of melatonin. It's trickled down to younger and younger children," said Dr. Judith Owens, co-director of the sleep center at Boston Children's Hospital and a professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School.

"What I find particularly alarming is that pediatricians are recommending this as a quick fix. It gives parents and then older kids the message that if you can't sleep, you need to take a pill," Owens said.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine recommends against the use of melatonin for chronic insomnia in both adults and children and will soon release a health advisory stating that melatonin should not be used in children without a physician's supervision, said Dr. Muhammad Adeel Rishi,

co-chair of the group's public safety committee and a sleep specialist at Indiana University.

"More often than not insomnia in children is a behavioral problem, and it's related to their bedtime routine, access to electronics at bedtime, and other activities they engage with other than sleeping," said Rishi. "Often you can treat it without medication, with behavioral interventions."

Rishi attributes the recent increase in children's use of melatonin in part to marketing efforts by supplement manufacturers, including products like gummies targeted specifically to children. But he also believes the pandemic has spawned a "growing epidemic of insomnia."

"We've been going through a very stressful time as a society. It's available over the counter, so there's easy access. Parents are often taking it themselves. And it's supposedly

safe," said Rishi. "It's kind of a perfect storm."

For all the concern expressed about melatonin, it also has staunch defenders among sleep specialists and pediatricians, creating a confusing mixed message for parents seeking a fix for their sleep-deprived households.

Dr. Rafael Pelayo, a professor in the division of sleep medicine at Stanford Medicine, said he considers melatonin a useful tool for treating sleep disorders in children. "It's simply telling the brain that night is approaching," he said. "I think the real problem isn't that it's being overused. It's how prevalent sleep problems are for kids."

Pelayo said he sometimes recommends melatonin for children while the family also implements behavioral changes to address an underlying issue. Many kids manage without it after they learn the skill of sleeping on their own,

he said, but some do end up taking it long term. He said it works best for children who have trouble falling asleep, rather than those who wake frequently through the night.

Studies suggest that melatonin appears to be safe for short-term use in children, but there is little information on the long-term effects, according to the National Institutes of Health. Because melatonin is a hormone, some experts worry its use could delay puberty, though the evidence is scarce. Other possible side effects include drowsiness, bed-wetting, and agitation.

Because melatonin is treated as a supplement in the U.S. — as opposed to a drug — the quality and dosage levels can vary widely. A 2017 study that tested 31 melatonin supplements found the actual melatonin levels ranged from less than a fifth to nearly five times the dosage listed on their labels. One in 4 of the products tested also contained serotonin, a hormone that can have serious side effects even at low doses.

Owens said she worries about the teenagers and young adults who have been on melatonin for a decade or more, the effects of which are still unknown. "Whenever you recommend or prescribe a sleep medication, you have to have an exit strategy. What is your benchmark for saying we're going to stop this medication now?" she said. "I have patients who ask for their sleep pill every night, and that sends chills up my spine."

She also worries that the American Academy of Pediatrics has not released official guidelines on the use of melatonin in children, given pediatricians frequently recommend melatonin as a sleep aid and in ever-younger patients — sometimes starting at 6 months old.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Columnists are taken to task about non-starchy carrots

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have picked up some tips from your column, but as a licensed dietitian, I was disturbed to see you repeating common misinformation about carrots. You said that people with diabetes should be cautious about carrots, as they are a starchy vegetable. This is incorrect; carrots are listed on the diabetic exchange list as a low-starch vegetable. Indeed, their effect on blood sugar as determined by the glycemic index (a measure of blood sugar rise after consuming a food) is in the low range. You also failed to mention that peas are considered a starchy vegetable, though they are not as likely to raise blood sugar as potatoes.

A: Thanks for an interesting observation. When we checked the glycemic index database at the University of Sydney, we found a wide range of values for carrots, cooked or raw.

Clearly, carrots are more healthful than high-starch vegetables such as potatoes. The American Diabetes Association lists carrots as non-starchy vegetables, along with pea pods and sugar snap peas.

People with diabetes or pre-diabetes should consult a dietitian for guidance on meal planning. Keep in mind, though, that individuals may vary in their response to certain foods (mSystems, Sep. 29, 2020). As a result, personal experimentation monitoring blood glucose after eating makes sense.

Q: You've written about melatonin maybe helping to restrict gastric juices



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from splashing back up into the esophagus. Can you give me a link to that article? I have an appointment with my gastroenterologist soon, and I would like to discuss the information with him.

A: A recent review article characterizes the evidence on melatonin to ease GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease) as of moderate quality (Nutrients, Feb. 5, 2022). The full text is available without a payment, so both you and your doctor can read it.

There are some individual studies, including one that concluded melatonin plus certain vitamins and phytonutrients was better than omeprazole against heartburn symptoms (Journal of Pineal Research, October 2006).

Finally, this summary suggests that melatonin can prevent the worst outcomes of GERD (International Journal of Molecular Sciences, July 2018).

Q: As a physician, I am intrigued that aspirin has cardiovascular protective effects, while other NSAIDs are deleterious. Is

this due to their effects on platelets?

A: It all starts with hormone-like chemicals called prostaglandins. They are made by proteins called cyclooxygenases (COX-1 and COX-2).

Aspirin blocks COX-1, which produces a pro-clotting compound in platelets, the sticky part of blood. This inhibition reduces the risk for blood clots.

NSAIDs inhibit both COX-1 and COX-2, which can lead to elevated blood pressure and blood clots. These drugs also interfere with the production of nitric oxide, a natural chemical that helps blood vessels relax and dilate.

The bottom line is that aspirin can reduce the risk of heart attacks and clotting strokes while NSAIDs increase the chance of both. Both aspirin and NSAIDs can be irritating to the digestive tract, and aspirin may increase the risk for bleeding.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Pointers for keeping your fingernails in tip-top shape

Mayo Clinic

Q: I have noticed recently that my nails have an unusual color and shape, and I don't understand why. Although I do enjoy gardening, I don't have a job where I use my hands more than normal. I want my nails to be sturdy and healthy-looking. Can you provide some insight on how to achieve this and tips for properly taking care of my nails?

A: For anyone concerned with nail health, the first step is to take a close look at your fingernails. Are they strong and healthy-looking? Or do you see ridges, dents or areas of unusual color or shape? Many less-than-desirable nail conditions can be avoided through proper fingernail care. However, others can indicate an underlying condition that may need attention.

It's important to understand what's normal and what's not. Your fingernails are composed of laminated layers of a protein called keratin that grow from the area at the base of the nail under your cuticle. Healthy fingernails are smooth, without pits or grooves. They're uniform in color and consistency, and free of spots or discoloration.

Sometimes fingernails develop harmless vertical ridges that run from the cuticle to the tip of the nail. Vertical ridges tend to become more prominent with age. Fingernails also can develop white lines or spots due to injury, but these eventually grow out with the nail.

Not all nail conditions are normal, however. Consult your primary health care provider or a dermatologist if you notice:

- Changes in nail color, such as discoloration of the



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entire nail or a dark streak under the nail.

- Changes in nail shape, such as curled nails.
- Thinning or thickening of the nails.
- Separation of the nail from the surrounding skin.
- Bleeding around the nails.
- Swelling or pain around the nails.

To keep your fingernails looking their best, here are some easy tips to follow:

- Keep your fingernails dry and clean. Doing this prevents bacteria from growing under your fingernails. Repeated or prolonged contact with water can contribute to split fingernails.
- Wear cotton-lined rubber gloves when washing dishes, cleaning or using harsh chemicals.
- Practice good nail hygiene. Always use sharp manicure scissors or clippers when taking care of your nails. It's important to trim your nails straight across, then round the tips in a gentle curve.
- Use moisturizer daily. When applying hand

lotion, rub the lotion into your fingernails and cuticles, too, for optimal care. Apply a protective layer. This is a step in a healthy nail routine that people oftentimes don't know about or overlook. Applying a nail hardener might help strengthen nails and cuticles.

- Ask your health care provider about biotin. Some research suggests that the nutritional supplement biotin might help strengthen weak or brittle fingernails. Contact your health care provider if you have any concerns about whether this right for you.

Taking care of your fingernails can be easy and attainable. If you start to notice anything abnormal, reach out to your primary health care provider or a dermatologist for more information. — *Compiled by Mayo Clinic staff*

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Delia Ephron writes her way through cancer

New book's a medical thriller, memoir, love story and hero's journey of her and husband

By **Penelope Green**
The New York Times

The story behind Delia Ephron's latest book, "Left on Tenth: A Second Chance at Life," began sweetly, like the romantic comedies Ephron wrote with her sister, Nora Ephron, the beloved author, director and screenwriter of "You've Got Mail" and "Sleepless in Seattle."

But the delay that drew out Delia Ephron's happy ending — the sine qua non of the narrative trope that is the Marriage Plot — was so catastrophic that if she had pitched the story to a studio executive, they would have turned it down as being too much, too over the top. Even for one of the four daughters of Phoebe and Henry Ephron, the tart-tongued screenwriting couple behind "Carousel" and "Desk Set."

The backdrop was terrible loss. In 2012, Nora Ephron died of leukemia, a death that shocked the world because she had kept her long illness a secret from everyone except a few friends and family members. Three years later, Delia Ephron's husband of more than three decades, Jerome Kass, a theater, film and television writer, died of prostate cancer. Nearly a year after that, Ephron wrote an essay for The New York Times about what happened when she disconnected his headline. It was a piquant sketch of contemporary life and widowhood involving hapless encounters with operators at telephone company call centers and the eye-crossing rage that wrestling with technology can elicit.

The essay touched a nerve with many people, including Peter Rutter, a widower from San Francisco, who wrote an email

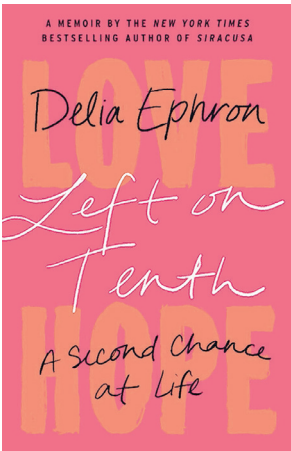
to Ephron. He was a Jungian psychiatrist; he, too, had tilted with a phone company after his spouse's death and, he added, he and Delia had met before. They had gone on a few dates a half-century earlier. Nora Ephron had fixed them up, he said, although Delia Ephron had no memory of their (chaste) encounters. In this way, email by email, Rutter wooed Ephron, and after a few weeks of potent correspondence, they met in person, and their episodic romance blossomed into the real thing.

Four months later, Ephron was diagnosed with leukemia. The couple married at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, the same hospital where Nora Ephron had died, because by then Delia Ephron had begun her treatment — a violent course of chemotherapy, and then more chemotherapy, and finally a stem cell transplant — all of which would nearly kill her. Jessie Nelson, a screenwriter and director, officiated, one of the few friends Ephron allowed to share her ordeal.

"You've Got Mail" had careened into "Love Story." But unlike the doomed Ali MacGraw character in that 1970s weepy film, Ephron had no intention of drifting quietly away. She fought like crazy to stay alive, and "Left on Tenth," recently released from Little, Brown and Company, is her account of that terrifying experience. It's a medical thriller, a cancer memoir woven through with a love story, and it's a hero's journey to boot, to borrow a phrase from her husband the Jungian. Except there were two heroes: Ephron, who passed through the gates of death, and Rutter, her steadfast champion, who accompanied her.



Delia Ephron is seen with husband Peter Rutter on March 16 at their home in New York City. **NAIMA GREEN/THE NEW YORK TIMES**



'Left on Tenth'
By Delia Ephron; Little, Brown and Company, 304 pages, \$29.

"So many extraordinary things happened," Ephron said, "and there's no logic to explain them. Yet they happened to me, and I'm actually rather ordinary."

To write the book, Ephron, now 77 and two years cancer-free, had to

report on her lost year, she said, because she remembered so little of it. She pored over her emails and medical records, which the hospital delivered at her request and totaled 6,000 pages. She interviewed the female friends who had been her support group.

"I think for everybody who has had as traumatic an experience as I had," Ephron said, "or even half as traumatic, if you can paint it, knit it, dance it, it will be better. For me, I could take this thing, and I could write it."

"Left on Tenth" is rendered in fragments, a structure that mimics Ephron's experience of her illness and treatment, which she recalled in flashes. One chapter is a scant paragraph describing the exchange with the doctor who each day appeared at Ephron's hospital room door to ask if she had eaten anything.

No, she would invariably reply. One day, she added, despairingly, "This is rough." The doctor looked at her intently. "This is war," he said.

In the years since Nora Ephron's death, treatment for leukemia had evolved, and Delia Ephron's first chemotherapy was an experimental drug called CPX-351. It worked, for a time. When her cancer returned after six months, her only hope was a stem cell transplant. As with the chemo, the treatment in that department had progressed. But because Ephron was in her 70s, her chances for surviving were very low.

The ghost of Nora Ephron hovered. "You are not your sister," doctors would tell Delia Ephron, over and over. "You can have a different outcome."

Patients have to be cancer-free before a stem cell transplant, so Ephron

underwent another round of CPX-351. The treatment worked, and she was cleared for her transplant, which also worked. But Ephron's body revolted. She could keep no food down and soon could not breathe on her own. "Failure to thrive" was the official diagnosis.

A stem cell transplant is a profound identity shift, Rutter said. "The miracle, and the trauma, in crossing over from death to life is of equal stature to a heart transplant. The simplest way to explain it is Delia was restored to herself, but she had to go through the gates of death to do it. It deepens anybody who has been close to that."

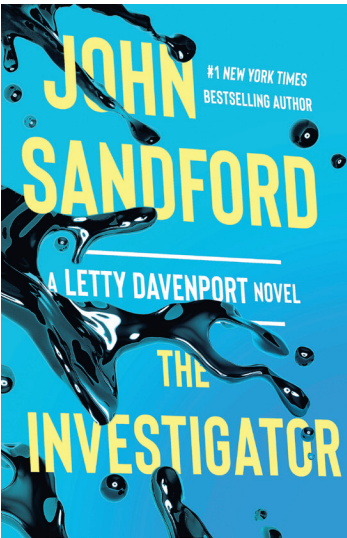
Ephron shrugged. "You end up in the situation, and you just do what you do."

Rutter said gently, "Actually Delia, that is the essence of being heroic. You persist even if it seems impossible."

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **"The Investigator"** by John Sandford (Putnam) *Last week: —*



2. **"Run, Rose, Run"** by Dolly Parton and James Patterson (Little, Brown) *Last week: 1*

3. **"Sea of Tranquility"** by Emily St. John Mandel (Knopf) *Last week: 2*

4. **"What Happened to the Bennetts"** by Lisa Scottoline (Putnam) *Last week: 4*

5. **"The Paris Apartment"** by Lucy Foley (Morrow) *Last week: 5*

6. **"The Recovery Agent"** by Janet Evanovich (Atria) *Last week: 6*

7. **"The Sacred Bridge"** by Anne Hillerman (Harper) *Last week: —*

8. **"Shadows Reel (A Joe Pickett Novel)"** by C.J. Box (Putnam) *Last week: 9*

9. **"The Diamond Eye"** by Kate Quinn (Morrow) *Last week: 10*

10. **"The Match"** by Harlan Coben (Grand Central) *Last week: 11*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **"The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak: Lessons on Faith from Nine Biblical Families"** by Shannon Bream (Broadside) *Last week: 1*



2. **"Half Baked Harvest Every Day: Recipes for Balanced, Flexible, Feel-Good Meals: A Cookbook"** by Tieghan Gerard (Clarkson Potter) *Last week: 2*

3. **"Freezing Order: A True Story of Money Laundering, Murder, and Surviving Vladimir Putin's Wrath"** by Bill Browder (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: —*

4. **"Celebrate with Babs: Holiday Recipes & Family Traditions"** by Barbara Costello (Alpha) *Last week: —*

5. **"Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience"** by Brene Brown (Random House) *Last week: 3*

6. **"Arrive and Thrive: 7 Impactful Practices for Women Navigating Leadership"** by Susan MacKenty Brady, Janet Foutty and Lynn Perry Wooten (McGraw Hill) *Last week: —*

7. **"Brighter by the Day: Waking Up to New Hopes and Dreams"** by Robin Roberts (Grand Central) *Last week: —*

8. **"I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet: Discovering New Ways of Living When the Old Ways Stop Working"** by Shauna Niequist (Zondervan) *Last week: —*

9. **"Hello, Molly!: A Memoir"** by Molly Shannon (Ecco) *Last week: —*

10. **"Recessional: The Death of Free Speech and the Cost of a Free Lunch"** by David Mamet (Broadside) *Last week: 5*

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GIANTS

New GM has two top-10 picks to kick-start rebuild

By Tom Canavan
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Joe Schoen had a routine on draft day when he was the assistant general manager of the Buffalo Bills.

He would get in a round of golf and then head to the office to help general manager Brandon Beane for three days of making draft picks to help the Bills become one of the best teams in the AFC.

As the general manager of the New York Giants, Schoen is probably going to alter the routine. The pressure is on to get the team back to the postseason for the first time since 2016. The round of golf may have to wait.

“Probably too anxious to golf,” Schoen said. “Probably come in, get a workout in, make some phone



Alabama offensive lineman Evan Neal is an option for the Giants with the fifth pick in the draft. **CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP**

calls, call around the league, call other general managers, see if you can get any information on what’s going on in front of you. Again,

probably take some calls if people are calling or looking to move up.”

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PATRIOTS

New England heads into draft looking for youth at LB, WR

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Patriots were one of the biggest spenders in free agency during the 2020 offseason, uncharacteristically shelling out big-money deals to plug holes on both sides of the ball.

Because of it, they entered this offseason with a much tighter grip on the wallet.

It means Bill Belichick will turn to the draft to bolster a roster that still needs youth all over the field, particularly at linebacker, receiver, on the offensive line and at cornerback.

One of the reasons the Patriots have had so much sustained success during Belichick’s era is that they’ve been able to maintain

a core of players who’ve fit into New England’s culture. Those players just haven’t consistently come via the draft, where Belichick has had his share of misses.

The Patriots’ approach has undergone adjustments heading into this year’s draft — not necessarily because of an overall adjustment in philosophy, but because changes in the college game have resulted in an NFL pipeline that’s simply producing different kinds of players than it has in years past.

“We’re always evaluating all of our processes and the way we evaluate different positions. There’s never a ‘Oh, OK, well this is the way we do things,’ ” new director of player personnel Matt Groh said. “We’re constantly trying to

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UCONN MEN’S BASKETBALL

Castle is coming to change culture

2023 commit is ready to bring program back to prominence

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

Stephon Castle felt like he was dreaming. He briefly closed his eyes, slowly opened them and glanced at the scoreboard. A smile crept across his face. This wasn’t a dream. It was real life.

With his team down four starters, Castle led his AAU squad, the Atlanta Xpress, to a 69-57 victory over a star-filled True Skills Factory squad at the Tip-Off Classic in Atlanta on April 16. He finished with a game-high 30 points.

“It was a rush,” he said. “Everybody in the gym expected us to lose. Meanwhile, I had just beaten four top-50 prospects on that team with three of mine hurt. It was just a great feeling.”

The soft-spoken 2023 UConn men’s basketball commit let his game do the talking while fans jeered him.

“I’m not going to say it was a normal game for me, but I was playing like it was,” he said. “I wasn’t paying too much attention to the crowd or the cameras. I was just trying to win.”

The 6-foot-6 junior guard from Covington, Georgia, has always embraced playing whatever position his team needed to win, and he hopes to continue to do so two seasons from now in Storrs. He ranks No. 31 in the Class of 2023, according to 247sports.com and No. 54 in the ESPN 100.

“I just want fans to know I’m coming to change the culture around there,” he said. “UConn hasn’t been UConn in a minute, and I’m coming to change it.”

All in the family

Stacey Castle has always held his son, Stephon, to a high standard from the first moment he held a basketball at 6 years old.

Stacey quickly realized the level of talent his son possessed reminded him of his younger self. Stacey had an impressive playing career, which included one year at Oak Hill Academy in high school and two years at Wake Forest University.

In sixth grade, Stacey began coaching his son in AAU basketball.

“I got into coaching him because, at the grassroots level, guys were not teaching these

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The Celtics’ Jayson Tatum drives to the basket past the Nets’ Bruce Brown and Andre Drummond in the first half of Game 3 Saturday night in Brooklyn. The game wasn’t over in time for this edition. For the result and story, go to courant.com/sports. **AL BELLO/GETTY**

Smart is doing it all for Celtics

By Mark Murphy
Boston Herald

NEW YORK — If memes live on forever, then this one is destined for some kind of eternal loop on weird Celtics Twitter. Marcus Smart had just beaten the shot clock with a left-handed floater that he kissed off the glass with 1:04 left in Game 2, and he ran down the floor holding out the hand and looking at it in amazement, as if it were coated in gold. Jaylen Brown joined in, his face lit up in not-so-mock wonderment.

“What’d I see? Man, I don’t know. That was a play,” Brown later said. “... Marcus played great.

Up next



Celtics at Nets
Rd. 1, Game 4
Mon. 7 p.m., TNT

That’s what Marcus does, made some big plays down the stretch and we pulled out another win.”

It’s been a major week on the Smart calendar, with two series-opening wins over the Nets and his unveiling as the NBA’s defensive player of the year. But it’s his development on offense — where Smart is averaging an efficient 16 points and 5.5 assists — that demands equal attention in this series, heading into Game

3 Saturday night in Brooklyn (the game wasn’t over in time for this edition).

“I’ve always told the guys, when I have the ball, just cut,” Smart said after producing the biggest assist of the season in Game 1 — a dish to Jayson Tatum for a buzzer-beating 115-114 win over Brooklyn. “Make a cut, and if you think I’m not going to see you, that’s when I see you the most. And just believe that I’m going to make the right play.”

Tatum admitted that he thought Smart was going to shoot with roughly 3 seconds left. Nic

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YANKEES 5, GUARDIANS 4

Fans pelt Cleveland outfielders with debris after win

By Larry Fleisher
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The only catch Cleveland right fielder Oscar Mercado was able to make in the ninth inning was a beer can thrown at his face.

Some fans in the notoriously rowdy right-field bleachers at Yankee Stadium pelted Cleveland outfielders with bottles, cans and debris in a chaotic scene Saturday, moments after New York rallied for a 6-5 win.

Rather than celebrating after Isiah Kiner-Falefa and pinch hitter Gleyber Torres got RBI hits with two outs in the ninth, stars Aaron Judge, Giancarlo Stanton and other New York players rushed toward the wall in right-center field, trying to calm the crowd.

Security personnel joined the effort to quell the disturbance.

“You certainly don’t want to put anyone in danger. I love the intensity, but you can’t be throwing stuff out on the field,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

Cleveland closer Emmanuel Clase (0-2) was one strike away from preserving a 5-4 lead when Kiner-Falefa hit a 100 mph fastball for a tying double. Rookie left fielder Steven Kwan ran hard into the wall chasing the ball, and a trainer went out to check him.

“Kwan was a little shaken up and had some cuts on his face, and there was specific Yankee fan in left field that was celebrating Kwan getting hurt,” Mercado said. “It’s almost like, it’s acts of violence. You can’t say stuff like that, especially when someone gets hurt.”

“I just let him know, ‘Listen, man, you can chirp all you want, but don’t celebrate someone getting hurt.’ That’s classless, and that shouldn’t be a thing. You can root for your team all you want, I’m not denying that. Honestly, it’s good for the game when there are die-hard fans, but do it the right way.”

Before play resumed, Mercado pointed at the stands and center fielder Myles Straw climbed the chain-link fence in left to confront face-to-face at least one fan, while another fan nearby made a derogatory gesture.

“I think Myles was sticking up for his teammate,” Cleveland Terry Francona said. “The kid’s out there bleeding, and we’re checking him for concussion, and I think emotions probably got a little out of control.”

Torres followed by lining a single to right-center for the game-winner. As Mercado and Straw chased the ball in the gap, several fans began throwing objects at them.

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Up next



Guardians at Yankees
1:35 p.m., Bally, YES

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA First Round at Nets (Game 4), Monday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. Nets (Game 5, if necessary), Wednesday, time TBD; NBA First Round at Nets (Game 6, if necessary), Friday, time TBD
Nets: NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 4), Monday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round at Celtics (Game 5, if necessary), Wednesday, time TBD; NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 6, if necessary), Friday, time TBD
Bruins: at Canadiens, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Panthers, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Sabres, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: Hurricanes, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Canadiens, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Capitals, Friday, 7 p.m.
Wolf Pack: W-B/Scranton, Sunday, 3 p.m.
Red Sox: at Rays, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Guardians, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Orioles, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Diamondbacks, Sunday, 4 p.m.; at Cardinals, Monday, 7:45 p.m.; at Cardinals, Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.
Yard Goats: Somerset, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Harrisburg, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; at Harrisburg, Wednesday, 11 a.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING

8:55 a.m.: Formula 1 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix. (Live) ESPN
3 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series GEICO 500. (Live) FOX

BASEBALL

1 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
1:30 p.m.: Cleveland Guardians at New York Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9.
2 p.m.: Georgia at Alabama. (Live) ESPN2
4 p.m.: New York Mets at Arizona Diamondbacks. (Live), WPIX. Radio: 880.
7 p.m.: Brewers at Phillies. (Live) ESPN

BASKETBALL

1 p.m.: Bucks at Bulls. (Live) ABC
3:30 p.m.: Warriors at Nuggets. (Live) ABC
7 p.m.: Heat at Hawks. (Live) TNT
9:30 p.m.: Suns at Pelicans. (Live) TNT

BICYCLING

10 a.m.: Liège-Bastogne-Liège. (Live) CNBC

FOOTBALL

3 p.m.: USFL Breakers vs Bandits. (Live) NBC
GOLF
8 a.m.: DP World Tour ISPS Handa Championship in Spain, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
1 p.m.: Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Final Round. (Live) CBS
3 p.m.: ClubCorp Classic, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
7 p.m.: DIO Implant LA Open, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
9:30 a.m.: IIHF U-18 World Championship United States vs Czechia. (Live) NHL
1:30 p.m.: IIHF U-18 World Championship Germany vs Canada. (Live) NHL
4 p.m.: Penguins at Flyers. (Live) TNT
7 p.m.: Boston Bruins at Montreal Canadiens. (Live), NESN.

RUGBY

2:30 p.m.: New England Free Jacks at Rugby United New York. (Live) FS1

SOCCER

7 a.m.: Scottish Premier League Motherwell vs Rangers. (Live) CBSSN
9 a.m.: Premier League Chelsea vs West Ham United. (Live) USA
11 a.m.: Premier League Liverpool vs. Everton. (Live) TELE
11:30 a.m.: Premier League Liverpool vs Everton. (Live) USA
12:55 p.m.: Mexicano Primera División Toluca vs. Atlas. (Live) UNI
1 p.m.: MLS Atlanta United FC at Inter Miami CF. (Live) ESPN
3:30 p.m.: MLS New York Red Bulls at Orlando City SC. (Live) ESPN
5 p.m.: MLS Los Angeles FC at FC Cincinnati. (Live) FS1
5:55 p.m.: Mexicano Primera División Cruz Azul vs. Atlético San Luis. (Live) UNI
6 p.m.: NWSL Louisville FC at Houston Dash. (Live) CBSSN
SOFTBALL
Noon: Ohio State at Michigan. (Live) ESPN2
Noon: LSU at Georgia. (Live) ESPN

RAYS 3, RED SOX 2 (10)

Rays lose combined no-hitter, rally to win with 3-run homer

By Julian McWilliams
Boston Globe

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Rays lost their bid for a combined no-hitter when Bobby Dalbec hit an RBI triple for the Boston Red Sox in the top of the 10th inning on Saturday night, but the Rays rallied with a three-run homer by Kevin Kiermaier in the bottom of the inning to pull out a 3-2 victory.

The game was scoreless before Bobby Dalbec drove in automatic runner Jackie Bradley Jr. with his leadoff hit against Matt Wisler. Christian Vázquez then hit a sacrifice fly to give the Red Sox a 2-0 lead at Tropicana Field. Major League Baseball rules say it doesn't count as a no-hitter until the game ends and a team finishes with no hits.

J.P. Feyereisen opened for Tampa Bay and pitched two innings. Javy Guerra then got two outs before Jeffrey Springs pitched two innings. Jason Adam got four outs, Ryan Thompson pitched the seventh and Andrew Kittredge worked the eighth and ninth.

The Rays rallied with three runs in the bottom of the 10th to pull out the victory. Automatic runner Randy Arozarena went to third on a walk by Hansel Robles, and Walls was safe at first on a throwing error by second baseman Trevor Story and stole second. Kiermaier ended it with a three-run homer to right.

Cora feeling better: Red Sox manager Alex Cora continues to make strides after testing positive for COVID-19 before the start of Thursday's series finale against the Blue Jays at Fenway Park.

While Cora was unavailable for the start of a 10-game, three-city road trip beginning with the Tampa Rays, bench coach and acting manager Will Venable said he talked to Cora on Saturday morning and said the manager is feeling better despite still having some mild symptoms.

Venable, who is widely regarded



The Rays' J.P. Feyereisen pitches in the first inning Saturday against the Red Sox in St. Petersburg, Fla. Six Rays pitchers had a combined no-hitter through nine innings of a scoreless tie. **PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP**

as one of the brighter young coaches in the game, said managing in Cora's absence has its challenges.

"It's fun when you win," Venable said. "But, you know, I think we all wish Alex was here. It's a challenging gig, and there's a reason why Alex is in that seat."

The staff has had to adjust its roles with Cora out. Normally, Venable is tasked with the team's base running. But, without Cora in his lead role, Venable has had to take on added responsibilities and hand off those duties to game-planning coordinator Jason Varitek.

Nevertheless, the communication between Venable and Cora is constant, despite the manager's absence.

"I'm talking to him about what the game plan is, as far as what I've spoken to [pitching coach Dave Bush] and the guys about like our game plan and who's available," Venable said. "And we bounce ideas back and forth. And then obviously, [Cora] has thoughts and [we] make sure those are implemented in our game plan as well."

Warming signs: So far, Bobby Dalbec has had a down start to

the season. Similar to last year's forgettable start, Dalbec is hitting .159 with just one RBI that came on a solo homer against the Yankees.

Venable is optimistic, though, that Dalbec will turn the corner.

"He's getting better," said Venable. "And that's it with Bobby, right, just getting his timing right. Little by little, I think, especially with bigger guys, you see it, it takes a little more time. We had a shortened spring training. And for me, he's progressing great."

Venable was then asked how he got his timing right when he was a player listed at a solid 6 feet 3, 205 pounds. Venable joked his career .249 batting average and .719 OPS were clear indications he never figured it out.

"Whether it was early or late into the season, it was always a challenge to me," Venable said. "But whether you're a bigger guy or not, the early part of the year sometimes you have it, sometimes you don't."

"But as the summer goes along, things warm up, you find your groove. I think for all these guys, like we're all just trying to find that timing and rhythm."



Cleveland Guardians right fielder Oscar Mercado is restrained during an altercation with fans who threw bottles and cans at the outfielders after Saturday's loss to the Yankees at Yankee Stadium. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

Yankees

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"One came close to my face and I caught it. It was a beer can," Mercado said. "They need to be held accountable, and I think there should be rules set up for that because that's ridiculous and that should not happen. Say whatever you want to say and do whatever you want to do, but at the end of the day there's got to be consequences for behavior like that."

He added: "I appreciate the

Yankees players coming out and trying to control them, and I have a lot of respect for that."

The Yankees won for the fourth time in five games and got their second walk-off win following a rare bullpen meltdown. The final scene wasn't what they wanted.

"That can't happen. I love the fans, love the atmosphere, but we win with class," Kiner-Falefa said.

Said first baseman Anthony Rizzo: "Our fans are passionate. They bring the noise every night, and we appreciated that. When

beers start flying, you just want to get everyone under control as best as you can so things don't escalate."

Chad Green allowed a two-run homer to Austin Hedges with two outs in the eighth that put Cleveland ahead 4-3. Miguel Castro (1-0) tossed a scoreless ninth.

Josh Naylor hit a two-run homer off Nestor Cortes for Cleveland's only hit in 6 ½ innings off the left-hander.

Josh Donaldson homered in the seventh against Cal Quantrill to give the Yankees a 3-2 lead.

REGIONAL DIGEST

UConn baseball's 12-game streak ends with loss to 'Nova

Staff Reports

Tyler Arella and the Villanova defense kept No. 15 UConn scoreless through seven innings and John Whooley drove in all four runs to lead Villanova to a 4-1 victory in a Big East baseball game Saturday at Elliot Ballpark in Storrs, ending the Huskies' 12-game winning streak.

Villanova (15-19-1, 5-6) handed UConn (31-8, 7-1) its first Big East loss of the season. Arella (3-2) allowed one run and five hits in 7 ½ innings, walking two and striking out four.

Whooley hit a two-run double with two out in the first and a two-run single with two out in the third to give the Wildcats a

4-0 lead.

UConn starter Pat Gallagher (6-3) gave up six hits and four runs, three earned, in 6 ¾ innings. He struck out eight and walked none.

Erik Stock hit an RBI single in the eighth inning as the Huskies averted the shutout.

Matt Donlan was 2 for 4, the only Husky with more than one hit.

Gallagher retired the first two Wildcats to open the game before giving up back-to-back singles to Jack O'Reilly and Joey Castellanos. Whooley followed with a double deep to the left field wall, scoring both runners.

Then with two outs in the third, Villanova's Pat O'Neill singled through the left side, then went

to third on a Castellanos single and an error by Stock in left field. Whooley sent both runners home with a sinker to center, giving the Wildcats a 4-0 lead.

The Huskies will look to earn a series win Sunday at 1 p.m. in the rubber game of the series.

Patriots beat Yard Goats

Blake Perkins was 3 for 5 with two home runs and four RBIs to lead the Somerset Patriots past the Yard Goats 7-4 at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford.

Michael Togliia hit a two-run homer in the first and Willie MacIver hit a solo shot in the

METS NOTES

Success in 1-run games could be the difference

By Kyle Wagner
New York Daily News

PHOENIX — The first-place New York Mets (11-4) entered Saturday with more wins and less sleep than anyone else in the majors.

Their plus-31 run differential trailed only the Dodgers' plus-37. They've won at home and on the road and against teams expected to make the playoffs. Through 15 games there is practically nothing more the Mets could do to prove to the world that they are, in fact, a pretty good team.

But these are the First-Place New York Mets we're talking about, and understandably there are some trust issues surrounding the question of whether they will remain the First-Place New York Mets when the wins are counted up. Last season they held that pole position through more than 100 days before limping to the finish line as the Third-Place New York Mets.

Plus, it's April. Three players entered Saturday with a batting average of .400 or higher. As a rule, try not to trust anything you see on a baseball field before the window AC units are installed.

But if we were going to grasp for signs of hope during the Small Sample Theater months, Friday night's 10-inning 6-5 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks would be a sensible place to start.

After all, the Mets were miserable in one-run games down the stretch last season, going 2-15 in them at one point and 31-35 overall. The team also did its share of losing two-, three-, four- and 10-run games over that same stretch, so it wasn't a total aberration. But a 2-15 record in one-run games, which tend to be more random than usual, is unthinkably bad luck by any definition.

So it was nice to see the Mets acquire themselves well Friday night, bringing their record in such games to 2-2 this season. Performance in these games tends to be random from year to year, making them one of the main ways for a team to out-perform (or underperform) its overall talent level.

Since the Mets are a pretty good team, finding a way not to leak wins in the close games is one way to avoid another late-season tumble down the standings.

But while one-run games have received a lot of attention around this team, mainly due to that unthinkably bad stretch last year, they're also a bit of a red herring for team performance. The Mets went on that terrible run last year but still finished with the exact same record as their Pythagorean expectation: 77-85.

That brings us back to that plus-31 run differential.

If a team's record in one-run games is the only bit of luck that takes it above or below expectation, then the run differential is what sets that expectation. Right now the Mets are right where they're supposed to be, according to the aggregate and reliable ol' Pythagoras: 11-4.

If the Mets continue to play at anything approaching their current form, it would take nothing short of a calamity in the close games for them to collapse.

Then again, it's only April. And as we've already seen, the First-Place New York Mets are capable of just about anything.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Toronto	10	5	.667	—	—	7-3	W-4	4-2	6-3
New York	9	6	.600	1	—	6-4	W-2	6-3	3-3
Boston	7	7	.500	2 ½	1	6-4	W-1	3-4	4-3
Tampa Bay	7	7	.500	2 ½	1	4-6	L-1	4-4	3-3
Baltimore	5	9	.357	4 ½	3	4-6	W-1	3-3	2-6

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	7	7	.500	—	—	5-5	L-2	3-3	4-4
Minnesota	7	8	.467	½	1½	5-5	W-3	4-4	3-4
Detroit	6	7	.462	½	1 ½	5-5	W-2	4-6	2-1
Chicago	6	8	.429	1	1	3-7	L-6	4-2	2-6
Kansas City	5	7	.417	1	2	3-7	L-2	5-5	0-2

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	8	6	.571	—	—	7-3	L-1	3-4	5-2
Seattle	8	6	.571	—	—	6-4	W-1	5-2	3-4
Oakland	8	8	.500	1	1	5-5	L-2	3-3	5-5
Houston	6	8	.429	2	2	3-7	L-4	1-4	5-4
Texas	5	9	.357	3	3	4-6	W-3	1-5	4-4

BOX SCORES

SAN FRANCISCO 5 WASHINGTON 2

San Francisco						
AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Yastrzemski cf	2	0	1	0	0	.267
a-Slater ph-cf-rf2	1	1	1	0	1	.192
Belt lb	4	0	0	0	2	.120
Ruf dh	3	1	0	1	0	.167
Pederson lf	4	0	2	1	0	.317
Dubon cf	0	0	0	0	0	.158
Crawford ss	4	0	1	1	0	.245
Flores 3b	4	1	2	0	0	.250
Estrada 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.255
Gonzalez rf-lf	3	0	1	1	0	.250
Casali c	4	1	1	1	2	.158
TOTALS	34	5	10	5	5	
Washington						
AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Thomas lf	4	0	1	1	2	.196
Soto rf	4	0	0	0	2	.259
Cruz dh	4	0	0	0	2	.177
Bell 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.345
Fox 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.000
Franco 3b-1b	4	0	2	0	0	.279
C.Hernandez 2b4	0	2	0	0	0	.233
Escobar ss	4	0	0	0	1	.143
Adams c	3	1	1	1	1	.143
b-Ruiz ph	1	0	0	0	0	.240
Robles cf	2	1	1	0	0	.125
TOTALS	33	2	7	2	9	

San Francisco	100	040	000	—	5	10	1
Washington	000	020	000	—	2	7	0

a-singled for Yastrzemski in the 5th.
b-grounded out for Adams in the 9th.
E: Flores (3).
LOB: San Francisco 6, Washington 6.
2B: Flores (4), Robles (2).

HR: Adams (1), off Wood.
RBIs: Crawford (8), Gonzalez (1), Casali (1), Ruf (3), Pederson (5), Adams (2), Thomas (6).
SB: Estrada (1).
CS: Pederson (1).
SF: Gonzalez. **S:** Robles.

Runners left in scoring position: San Francisco 3(Belt 2, Crawford); Washington 3(Escobar 2, Soto).
RISP: San Francisco 4for 8; Washington 1for 6.
Runners moved up: C.Hernandez.
GIDP: Belt, C.Hernandez.
DP: San Francisco 1(Estrada, Belt); Washington 1(C.Hernandez, Escobar, Bell).

SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wood, W, 2-0	5	4	2	2	1	5	2.51
Leone, H, 2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1.69
Brebbia, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.50
T.Rogers, H, 5	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.35
Doval, S, 3-4	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.68

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sanchez, L, 0-1	4½	6	4	4	1	8	3.31
Clay	½	2	1	1	0	1	8.38
Cishek	1	2	0	1	2	4	4.50
Perez	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.38
Rainey	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Finnegan	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.05

Inherited runners-scored: Clay 1-1.
HBP: Clay (Belt).
Umpires: Home, Mark Ripberger; First, Tom Hallion; Second, Phil Cuzzi; Third, Cory Blaser.
T: 2:48.
A: 27,799(41,399).

LATE FRIDAY: N.Y. METS 6, ARIZONA 5 (10)

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	5	2	2	0	0	.325
S.Marte rf	4	1	2	1	1	.255
Lindor ss	4	0	1	1	1	.304
Alonso 1b	4	1	2	1	2	.276
Do-Smith 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.091
Escobar 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.292
Canho dh	4	0	1	0	2	.194
Canha lf	4	0	0	0	0	.333
Jankowski lf	0	0	0	0	0	.316
McNeil 2b	4	2	1	0	0	.280
McCann c	4	1	1	2	1	.138
TOTALS	38	6	9	6	7	
Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hummel lf	5	1	1	1	1	.161
K.Marte 2b	5	0	1	0	3	.185
Davidson 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.143
1-Alcantara pr	0	0	0	0	0	.091
Walker 1b	5	1	1	2	1	.152
Beer dh	4	1	1	0	1	.385
Ahmed ss	4	0	0	0	1	.000
P-Smith rf	3	1	2	0	1	.263
Vارشو cf-c	3	1	1	2	1	.190
Herrera c	2	0	1	0	0	.067
a-Peralta ph	1	0	0	0	0	.227
C.Kelly c	0	0	0	0	0	.063
b-McCrthy ph-cf1	0	0	0	0	1	.136
TOTALS	36	5	8	5	11	

New York	001	102	200	1—	6	9	0
Arizona	000	000	121	0—	5	8	0

a-popped out for Herrera in the 7th.
b-struck out for C.Kelly in the 9th. 1-ran for Davidson in the 10th.
LOB: New York 5, Arizona 6. **2B:** Nimmo (2), P.Smith (2), K.Marte (5), Hummel (1).
HR: McCann (1), off Wendelken; Walker (3), off May; Varsho (4), off Diaz.
RBIs: Alonso 2(16), Lindor (11), McCann 2(4), S.Marte (12), Hummel (6), Varsho 2(7), Walker 2(5). **SF:** Lindor, Varsho.
Runners left in scoring position: New York 2(Do-Smith, Cano); Arizona 4 (K.Marte, Peralta, Walker 2). **RISP:** New York 2for 9; Arizona 2for 12. **Runners moved up:** Alonso, McCann, Hummel. **LIDP:** Varsho. **DP:** New York 1(Lindor, Canha, Alonso, Canha).

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Peterson	5½	3	1	1	1	3	0.64
Dr.Smith, H, 4	½	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Shreve	¾	2	1	1	0	1	2.57
May, H, 1	½	2	2	2	0	2	6.75
Luz, W, 1-0	1	1	1	1	0	2	5.67
Lugo, S, 1-2	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.58

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gallen	5	2	1	1	1	7	1.00
Perez	½	2	2	2	0	0	47.18
Wendelken	½	2	2	2	0	1	12.16
Uesta	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.00
Ramirez	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.84
Melancon, L, 0-2	1	2	1	0	0	0	1.50

Inherited runners-scored: Dr.Smith 1-0, May 1-0, Wendelken 1-1.
Umpires: Home, Rob Drake; First, Will Little; Second, Greg Gibson; Third, Nick Mahley. **T:** 3:29. **A:** 20,939(48,686).

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

APRIL 24
1901: Chicago defeated Cleveland 8-2 in the first American League game. Three other scheduled games were rained out. The game lasted 1 hour, 30 minutes in front of a reported crowd of 14,000 at the Chicago Cricket Club.
1911: Battle Creek of the South Michigan League turned two triple plays in the first two innings against Grand Rapids.

N.Y. YANKEES 5, CLEVELAND 4

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Straw cf	4	0	1	0	1	.296
Kwan lf	4	0	0	0	2	.357
Ramirez 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.364
Reyes dh	4	0	0	0	1	.182
Rosario ss	2	1	0	0	1	.250
Naylor 1b	3	2	2	2	0	.476
Clement 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.241
Mercado rf	3	0	0	0	1	.213
Hedges c	3	1	1	2	2	.125
TOTALS	30	4	4	4	9	
New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.298
Judge rf	4	0	0	0	0	.259
Rizzo 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.235
Stanton dh	4	0	0	0	1	.203
Donaldson 3b	2	1	1	1	0	.196
1-Locastro pr	0	1	0	0	0	.000
Hicks cf	3	1	1	0	2	.275
Gallo lf	3	1	1	0	1	.136
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	1	2	2	1	.298
Higashioka c	2	0	1	1	1	.121
a-Torres ph	1	0	1	1	0	.195
TOTALS	31	5	9	5	6	

Cleveland	000	020	020	—	4	4	0
New York	000	020	102	—	5	9	0

Two outs when winning run scored.
a-singled for Higashioka in the 9th.
1-ran for Donaldson in the 9th.

LOB: Cleveland 1, New York 5.
2B: Kiner-Falefa (4).

HR: Naylor (1), off Cortes Jr.; Hedges (1), off Green; Donaldson (2), off Quantrill.

RBIs: Naylor 2(5), Hedges 2(3), Kiner-Falefa 2(4), Higashioka (1), Donaldson (4), Torres (3).
SB: Locastro (1).
CS: Donaldson (1).
SF: Higashioka.
Runners left in scoring position: Cleveland 10, New York 2(Higashioka 2).
RISP: Cleveland 0for 0; New York 3 for 6.
GIDP: Naylor, LeMahieu.

DP: Cleveland 2(Clement, Rosario, Naylor; Naylor, Straw, Rosario, Straw); New York 1(Donaldson, Kiner-Falefa, Rizzo).

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Quantrill	6½	6	3	3	3	2	3.94
De Los Santos	¾	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Shaw, H, 2	¾	1	0	0	0	0	2.70
Sandlin, H, 3	½	0	0	0	0	1	6.35
Clase, L, 0-2, BS, 2-3½	2	2	2	2	1	7	7.71

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cortes Jr.	6½	1	2	2	2	8	1.15
Holmes	½	0	0	0	0	0	1.17
Green, BS, 0-2	1	3	2	2	0	0	4.91
Castro, W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.57

Inherited runners-scored: De Los Santos 2-0, Sandlin 1-0.

Umpires: Home, Todd Tichenor; First, Mike Muchlinski; Second, John Libka; Third, Jim Reynolds.

T: 2:50.
A: 39,180(47,309).

LATE FRIDAY: N.Y. YANKEES 4, CLEVELAND 1

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Straw cf	4	0	0	0	1	.300
Kwan lf	4	0	2	0	1	.395
Ramirez 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.392
Reyes dh	4	1	1	1	3	.196
Naylor rf	4	0	2	0	0	.444
Rosario ss	4	0	2	0	1	.259
Bradley 1b	3	0	0	0	3	.067
a-Mercado ph	1	0	0	0	1	.227
Lavastida c	4	0	1	0	2	.083
Gimenez 2b	3	0	1	0	2	.320
TOTALS	35	1	9	1	15	
New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu dh	3	1	1	0	1	.302
Judge cf-rf	3	2	2	3	0	.280
Rizzo 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.234
Stanton rf	4	0	1	0	2	.218
Locastro cf	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Donaldson 2b	2	1	0	0	1	.184
Gallo lf	4	0	0	0	2	.122
Torres 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.175
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	0	1	1	1	.279
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	0	.333
TOTALS	31	4	7	4	9	

Cleveland	000	100	000	—	1	9	0
New York	002	110	00x	—	4	7	0

a-struck out for Bradley in the 9th.

LOB: Cleveland 7, New York 7.
2B: Kwan (5), Rosario (1), Naylor (2).
HR: Reyes (2), off Taillon; Judge (2), off Morgan; Judge (3), off Tully.

RBIs: Reyes (5), Judge 3(5), Kiner-Falefa (2).

Runners left in scoring position: Cleveland 5(Ramirez, Lavastida 3, Reyes); New York 3(Donaldson, Gallo, Trevino).

RISP: Cleveland 0for 8; New York 1for 5.
Runners moved up: Ramirez.

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB</
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Fairfield forward Lou Lopez-Sénéchal averaged 19.6 points and 4.6 rebounds last season as a senior. **ERIC GAY / AP**

UConn WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies add transfer from Fairfield

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Lou Lopez-Sénéchal, the player of the year in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, is transferring from Fairfield to UConn, the Huskies announced Saturday.

The 6-foot-1 forward, who is scheduled to graduate this spring from Fairfield with a degree in marketing, will have one year of eligibility left.

“We’re excited to have Lou join our program,” UConn coach Geno Auriemma said in a statement. “She comes to us with a lot of experience, and she’s a smart, tough, hardworking player. Lou is a great scorer, and we’re looking forward to her getting to work in June.”

UConn will return eight players from a team that finished 30-6 this past season and made it to a record 14th straight Final Four before losing in the national championship game to South Carolina.

The native of Grenoble, France, averaged 16.1 points and 4.7 rebounds in four seasons at Fairfield, finishing with 1,598 career points and 470 boards. As a senior this past season Lopez-Sénéchal averaged 19.6 points and 4.6 rebounds.

The Huskies also are adding another top recruiting class, with McDonald’s All-Americans Isuneh Brady and Ayanna Patterson set to join the program.

Brady is a 6-3 post player from San Diego, and Patterson is a 6-2 wing from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

Class of 2023 UConn men’s basketball recruit Stephon Castle says he is the perfect player for Dan Hurley’s new four-out, one-in offense.

“I think I fit in well with the offense,” the Newton (Ga.) High School junior said. “That’s what we play at high school. I usually play it in AAU. You keep moving and keep sharing the ball. I like to play with freedom. That’s what Coach Hurley gives his players.”

National basketball recruiting analyst Brandon Jenkins believes Hurley has a Swiss-army knife in getting a player like him.

“Stephon can play on and off the ball,” Jenkins said. “I see him as a secondary ball-handler who can also spend many minutes at the point guard position because of how well he has a great feel for it and how strong his body is. He can generate an offense utilizing his physicality when slashing to the basket.”

Castle is ranked No. 31 in the Class of 2023 and No. 4 in Georgia, according to 247sports. He currently plays with two other Class of 2023 Division I commits on his high school team: Jakai Newton, who committed to Indiana, and Marquavious Brown, who committed to Georgia.

“There have been a handful of pretty good players that have come through his high school,” said CBS college basketball writer David Cobb. “That’s what sticks out to me about a player like Stephon Castle. He’s used to being in a system with high-level players.”

Cobb feels that’s a significant advantage for Castle when he gets to Storrs.

“He’s a fairly big-bodied guard who’s played at a good high school program,” he said. “I think he has the making of somebody who can contribute early at a quality college program like UConn. You are talking about his size being 6-foot-6 and fairly built out already. That’s unique. That sets him apart. That should ease his transition to the college game.”

Jenkins also believes Castle is a player who will dominate on the glass.

“He dominates in finding other people,” he said. “He dominates in playing with other great players. He’s a team player. He’s always



Newton (Ga.) High School junior Stephon Castle is ranked No. 31 in the Class of 2023, according to 247sports.com and No. 54 in the ESPN 100. **COURTESY**

composed and even-keeled . He carries himself very, very well for his age. I think all of those factors on and off the court will translate well for him.”

The one area he needs to work on is the consistency in his jump shot, Jenkins said.

“It looks good, but at the end of the day, the results have to be more efficient. That’s the thing you have to look for in the scouting report. People tend to play off of him. I would just look for him to improve his jump shot. Everything else on the floor he kind of brings it

“I definitely see him as a multi-year college talent. One of those dudes that averages around 10/5/5. He just does it all. He does it all with the sole purpose of winning. He knows how well it is to play with other teammates. As I said, I don’t think you’re going to see him dominate with individual offense, but I think he’s more of a guy that complements other great players

and looks great because of it.”

Here’s a closer scouting breakdown of Castle’s game:

Scouting report

Name: Stephon Castle

School: Newton High School, Covington, Georgia

Class: 2023

Height: 6 feet 6

Weight: 205 pounds

2021-22 high school stats: 16.6 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.2 assists.

Current rankings: No. 31 in the Class of 2023, according to 247sports. No. 54 in the ESPN100.

Accolades: 2022 Sugar Bowl National Prep Classic All-Tournament team.

Strengths

- Can play different positions.
- Above-average basketball IQ.
- Constant threat in transition.
- Great playmaker.
- Ability to guard multiple positions.
- Excellent post moves.
- Fantastic facilitator.
- Size that gives him an advantage on both ends of the court.
- Comfortable running an offense.
- Hard worker.
- Willing to play wherever a coach needs on the court.
- Has an impressive above-the-rim ability.
- Finishes through contact well.
- Gets to the rim and collects rebounds with ease.
- Ability to shoot from anywhere on the court.

Weaknesses

- Needs to improve left-handed finishing.
- Continue to add strength.
- Consistency with his shooting.

Summary

Castle hopes to be a one-and-done player, but Jenkins and Cobb both feel he has ways to go.

“It’s not like he’s an electric type of scorer, so he’s really going to have to shine from an efficiency standpoint,” Cobb said. “When I say that, I think of Kendall Brown at Baylor this past year who was efficient from the floor. He was the ultimate glue guy. He had a lot of blocks, steals and is good off the ball.”

While unlikely, Jenkins doesn’t discount the possibility of Castle being ready to go pro after one season.

“Who knows, if he gets the playing time, shows the efficiency and all the things that translate,” he said. “He does have a strong feel for the game. It’s the standard for an NBA player to have a strong feel for the game. Maybe he can be one of those guys that recruiting analysts never predicted going one-and-done.”

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Castle

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guys,” he said. “They were not holding these guys accountable. I thought that was a setup for failure.”

Stacey didn’t play favorites on the court.

“I’m tough on my guys, and I hold them accountable,” he said. “I did the same to him. I was on him a lot that year.”

Stacey continues to coach Stephon’s AAU team, but the father and son have very different playing styles.

“(Stephon) can crash the offensive boards and defensive boards,” Stacey said. “The glaring difference is his ability to shoot. I can knock down the 3, but I was more of a scorer than a shooter at that point.”

Stephon has gotten stronger, too.

As a freshman center at Newton High School his team faced Grayson High School. He drew the defensive assignment against Ian Schieffelin, a 6-8 junior who would later commit to Clemson.

“Schieffelin was a junior and much stronger out of the both of us,” he said. “He basically killed me physically. I was more skilled than him, but physically in the paint and rebounding, he was killing me.

“I realized I had to get stronger. It taught me how to fight in the paint. There were people bigger than me, and I knew once I got to this age (17), I’ll be the one doing the bullying.”

The quiet leader

Stephon Castle has always been a creature of habit. Before every game, he shuffles between rappers Lil Baby, NBA YoungBoy and Lil Durk to get himself in the zone. And like a true Georgian, he has an affinity for Chick-fil-A. He swears by his pregame meal of the signature chicken sandwich, waffle fries and a strawberry lemonade.

Off the court, Castle tends to keep to himself.

“I really don’t have too many hobbies outside of basketball,” he said. “I like working out with weights and stuff. I don’t go to any parties.”

Once he’s on the court, he’s in his element. His play tends to embody his personality.

“I’d say three words to describe my personality are laidback, composed and a leader,” he said.

“He’s really quiet, and he’s that way on the court,” Stacey said.



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“He’s very even-keeled. He doesn’t get too high. He doesn’t get too low. He’s more of a reserved kid. He will talk to his guys and encourage his guys, but he’s not the loud rah-rah guy. He will go and compete.”

Newton High School coach Charlemagne Gibbons has challenged Castle to be a more vocal leader.

“One of the things that we’re pushing right now is just to be more vocal,” Gibbons said. “The guys follow him because he works extremely hard. As far as being a Division I basketball player, the next step is just being a little more vocal. That’s what he’s working on every day as we speak, so I think

he’s going to get there.”

Castle says he is aware of his strengths and flaws on the court.

“I think my biggest strength is my vision,” he said. “It’s overlooked a lot. I’ve always had the vision of a point guard, so that’s what moved me to that spot. I’d say that my biggest weakness is my athleticism.

“I’m not saying I have bad athleticism, but I work on it a lot. I have a 37-inch vertical. I’d say that’s my weakest ability since I pretty much do everything else well.”

Choosing UConn

Throughout the recruiting process, Castle wanted a college

coach who would push him toward greatness.

When his junior year rolled around, he had his pick of schools, including UConn, Georgia, Auburn, Ohio State and Seton Hall. Early on, UConn made Stephon a priority.

“They did an awesome job recruiting and getting him out to see him,” Gibbons said. “They made him a priority. The first open period they could be on campus, they were there to see him.”

Stacey asked which school Stephon wanted to go to early in the process, but Stephon would say he didn’t have a dream school. Stephon knew what to expect

through the process, but his dad was hands-off when it came to decision time.

“I’ve always talked to him about this process and the key things you should look at, but I would not pick his school for him,” said Stacey

Castle’s final two choices came down to UConn and Auburn. It didn’t hurt that UConn associate head coach Kimani Young played AAU hoops with Stacey, but ultimately a visit to Storrs convinced Castle to commit to the Huskies.

“I’d say the recruiting process went fast for me,” he said. “Going up to UConn and seeing how coach Dan Hurley coaches and how hard he pushes guys that he wants to be great. So when I was there, I thought that was the only thing I would need, somebody who would continue to push me and keep me in the right direction when I get to college so that I can get to the pros.”

In early April, Castle released a hype video with the caption: “Storrs, you ready?”

The video caused an uproar among the Husky faithful with speculation about him potentially reclassifying for next season.

“I’m not 100 percent sure yet, but as of right now, I am not reclassifying,” he said. “I’ve thought about it previously, but lately, I haven’t been thinking about it too much.”

There are roster spots available after Akok Akok, Rahsool Diggins, Jalen Gaffney and Corey Floyd Jr. recently entered the NCAA transfer portal.

Some questioned if those moves would rattle Castle, but he said he has never wavered from his commitment.

“I’m not 100 percent sure why they transferred ... but it didn’t change my mind about UConn or give me any doubt about it.”

After all, Castle has championship and NBA dreams to achieve with the Huskies.

“(Hurley) wants me to have a breakout season and be the young, talented guard that leads us to the Final Four or the championship.”

Stacey wants his son to remain grounded no matter what happens with his career.

“I tell him all the time you still have a whole lot of things to work on,” he said. “You want to be as prepared as possible before you step on campus. That’s my goal for him.”

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
EAST FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Miami 2, #8 Atlanta 1
April 17: Miami 115-91
April 19: Miami 115-105
Friday: Atlanta 111-110
Sunday: at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: at Miami, 7 p.m.
x-Thursday: at Atlanta, TBD
x-April 30: at Miami, TBD

#2 Boston 2, #7 Brooklyn 0
April 17: Boston 115-114
April 20: Boston 114-107
Saturday: at Brooklyn, late
Monday: at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday: at Boston, TBD
x-April 29: at Brooklyn, TBD
x-May 1: at Boston, TBD

#3 Milwaukee 2, #6 Chicago 1
April 17: Milwaukee 93-86
April 20: Chicago 114-109
April 22: Milwaukee 111-81
Sunday: at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
x-April 29: at Chicago, TBD
x-May 1: at Milwaukee, TBD

#4 Philadelphia 3, #5 Toronto 1
April 16: Philadelphia 131-111
April 18: Philadelphia 112-97
April 20: Philadelphia 104-101 (OT)
Saturday: Toronto 110-102
Monday: at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
x-Thursday: at Toronto, TBD
x-April 30: at Philadelphia, TBD

WEST FIRST ROUND
#1 Phoenix 2, #8 New Orleans 1
April 17: Phoenix 110-99
April 19: New Orleans 125-114
April 22: Phoenix 114-111
Sunday: at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday: at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
x-Thursday: at New Orleans, TBD
x-April 30: at Phoenix, TBD

#2 Memphis 2, #7 Minnesota 1
April 16: Minnesota 130-117
April 19: Memphis 124-96
April 21: Memphis 104-95
Saturday: at Minnesota, late
Tuesday: at Memphis, 7:30 p.m.
x-April 29: at Minnesota, TBD
x-May 1: at Memphis, TBD

#3 Golden State 3, #6 Denver 0
April 16: Golden State 123-107
April 18: Golden State 126-106
April 21: Golden State 118-113
Sunday: at Denver, 3:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday: at Golden State, 10 p.m.
x-April 29: at Denver, TBD
x-May 1: at Golden State, TBD

#4 Dallas 2, #5 Utah 2
April 16: Utah 99-93
April 18: Dallas 110-104
April 21: Dallas 126-118
Saturday: Utah 100-99
Monday: at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday: at Utah, TBD
x-April 30: at Dallas, TBD

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR VOTING
Selected by a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters. Players were awarded five points for a first-place vote, three points for a second-place vote and one point for a third-place vote:

Player, Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot
Scottie Barnes, Raptors	48	43	9	378
Evian Mobley, Cavaliers	43	46	10	363
Cade Cunningham, Pistons	9	10	78	153
Jalen Green, Rockets	0	1	0	3
Franz Wagner, Magic	0	2	2	0
Herbert Jones, Pelicans	0	0	1	1

ROOKIES OF THE YEAR
(u-unanimous)
2022: Scottie Barnes, Toronto
2021: LaMelo Ball, Charlotte
2020: Ja Morant, Memphis
2019: Luka Doncic, Dallas
2018: Ben Simmons, Philadelphia
2017: Malcolm Brogdon, Milwaukee
2016: u-Karl-Anthony Towns, Minnesota
2015: Andrew Wiggins, Minnesota
2014: Michael Carter-Williams, Phila.
2013: u-Damian Lillard, Portland
2012: Kyrie Irving, Cleveland
2011: u-Blake Griffin, L.A. Clippers
2010: Tyreke Evans, Sacramento
2009: Derrick Rose, Chicago
2008: Kevin Durant, Seattle
2007: Brandon Roy, Portland
2006: Chris Paul, New Orleans
2005: Emeka Okafor, Charlotte
2004: LeBron James, Cleveland
2003: Amare Stoudemire, Phoenix
2002: Pau Gasol, Memphis
2001: Mike Miller, Orlando
2000: Elton Brand, Chicago
and Steve Francis, Houston
1999: Vince Carter, Toronto
1998: Tim Duncan, San Antonio
1997: Allen Iverson, San Antonio
1996: Damon Stoudamire, Toronto
1995: Grant Hill, Detroit, and Jason Kidd, Dallas
1994: Chris Webber, Golden State
1993: Shaquille O'Neal, Orlando
1992: Larry Johnson, Charlotte
1991: Derrick Coleman, New Jersey
1990: u-David Robinson, San Antonio
1989: Mitch Richmond, Golden State
1988: Mark Jackson, New York
1987: Chuck Person, Indiana
1986: Patrick Ewing, New York
1985: Michael Jordan, Chicago
1984: u-Ralph Sampson, Houston
1983: Terry Cummings, San Diego
1982: Buck Williams, New Jersey
1981: Darrell Griffith, Utah
1980: Larry Bird, Boston
1979: Phil Ford, Kansas City
1978: Walter Davis, Phoenix
1977: Adrian Dantley, Buffalo
1976: Alvan Adams, Phoenix
1975: Keith Wilkes, Golden State
1974: Ernie DiGregorio, Buffalo
1973: Sidney Wicks, Portland
1971: Dave Cowens, Boston, and Geoff Petrie, Portland
1970: Lew Alcindor, Milwaukee
1969: Wes Unseld, Baltimore
1968: Earl Monroe, Baltimore
1967: Dave Bing, Detroit
1966: Rick Barry, San Francisco
1965: Willis Reed, New York
1964: Jerry Lucas, Cincinnati
1963: Terry Dischinger, Chicago
1962: Walt Bellamy, Chicago
1961: Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati
1960: Wilt Chamberlain, Philadelphia

ODDS

MLB	SUNDAY
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG
at Atlanta	-148 Miami
at Washington off	San Francisco off
St. Louis	-144 at Cincinnati
at Chi Cubs	off Pittsburgh off
LA Dodgers	-126 at San Diego
NY Mets	-164 at Arizona
at Philadelphia-155	Milwaukee +134
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
at Tampa Bay	-162 Boston
at NY Yankees	-216 Cleveland
at Minnesota	off Chi. White Sox off
at Houston	-134 Toronto
Texas	-116 at Oakland
at LA Angels	-290 Baltimore
at Seattle	-166 Kansas City
INTERLEAGUE	
at Detroit	-132 Colorado
NBA	
FAVORITE	LINE O/U SUNDAY UNDERDOG
Milwaukee	4½ (219) at Chicago
Golden State	4½ (224½) at Denver
Miami	2 (221) at Atlanta
Phoenix	2½ (215) at New Orli.
NHL	
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG
Edmonton	-245 at Columbus
at New Jersey	-170 Detroit
Carolina	-154 at NY Islanders
Pittsburgh	-255 at Phila.
at Washington-118	Toronto -102
Colorado	-220 at Winnipeg
Boston	-295 at Montreal
at Florida	-134 Tampa Bay
Minnesota	-120 at Nashville
St. Louis	-250 at Anaheim
at Las Vegas	-330 San Jose

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE											
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA				
z-Florida	77	56	15	6	118	325	222				
x-Toronto	78	51	21	6	108	301	245				
x-Tampa Bay	77	47	22	8	102	261	217				
x-Boston	78	48	25	5	101	239	210				
Buffalo	80	31	38	11	73	229	283				
Detroit	79	30	39	10	70	222	306				
Ottawa	78	30	41	7	67	212	252				
Montreal	78	20	47	11	51	200	303				
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA				
x-Carolina	79	51	20	8	110	263	194				
x-N.Y. Rangers	79	51	22	6	108	243	197				
x-Pittsburgh	79	45	23	11	101	265	217				
x-Washington	78	44	23	11	99	268	229				
N.Y. Islanders	78	35	33	10	80	216	224				
Columbus	78	35	36	7	77	248	287				
New Jersey	78	27	43	8	62	238	288				
Philadelphia	78	24	43	11	59	204	286				

WESTERN CONFERENCE											
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA				
z-Colorado	78	55	17	6	116	301	218				
x-Minnesota	78	50	21	7	107	295	241				
x-St. Louis	78	47	20	11	105	293	223				
Nashville	77	44	28	5	93	247	227				
Dallas	78	43	30	5	91	225	236				
Winnipeg	78	35	32	11	81	237	252				
Chicago	78	26	41	11	63	209	280				
Arizona	78	22	50	6	50	189	298				
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA				
y-Calgary	78	48	20	10	106	279	195				
x-Edmonton	78	46	26	6	98	275	240				
Los Angeles	79	42	27	10	94	228	228				
Vegas	78	42	31	5	89	250	232				
Vancouver	78	38	29	11	87	236	223				
Anaheim	78	30	34	14	74	220	255				
San Jose	77	30	35	12	72	199	246				
Seattle	77	26	45	6	58	203	268				

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Buffalo 5, N.Y. Islanders 3
Pittsburgh 7, Detroit 2
Carolina 3, New Jersey 2(OT)
Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Montreal at Ottawa, late
Nashville at Tampa Bay, late
Toronto at Florida, late
Chicago at San Jose, late
Seattle at Dallas, late
St. Louis at Arizona, late
Vancouver at Calgary, late
Anaheim at Los Angeles, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 1p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 1p.m.
Edmonton at Columbus, 1p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 4p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7p.m.
Colorado at Winnipeg, 7p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 8p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 8:30p.m.
San Jose at Vegas, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.
Columbus at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7p.m.
Edmonton at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Florida at Boston, 7p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Calgary at Nashville, 8p.m.
Vegas at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9:30p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 10p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Ottawa 2, Columbus 1(SO)
Minnesota 6, Seattle 3
Edmonton 6, Colorado 3
Washington 2, Arizona 0

TENNIS

ATP BARCELONA OPEN
BANC SABADELL
At Real Club de Tennis Barcelona,
Barcelona, Spain; Red clay-outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
Both matches suspended until Sunday
#5Carlos Alcaraz vs.
#10Alex de Minaur, tied 2-2.
#6Diego Schwartzman vs.
#8Pablo Carreno Busta, tied 2-2.

ATP BELGRADE OPEN
At Novak Tennis Center, Belgrade,
Serbia; Red clay-outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1Novak Djokovic d.
#3Karen Khachanov, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.
#2Andrey Rublev d.
#6Fabio Fognini, 6-2, 6-2.

WTA TEB BNP PARIBAS
CHAMPIONSHIP ISTANBUL CUP
At Garanti Koza Arena, Istanbul, Red
clay-outdoors
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#3Veronika Kudermetova d.
#2Sorana Cirstea, 6-3, 6-3.
Anastasia Potapova d.
Yulia Putintseva, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

WTA POTSDE TENNIS
GRAND PRIX
At Porsche Arena, Stuttgart, Germany,
Red clay-outdoors
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#3Aryna Sabalenka d.
#2Paula Badosa, 7-6(5), 6-4.
#1Iga Swiatek d.
Liudmila Samsonova, 6-7(4), 6-4, 7-5.

USFL

<i>All games in Birmingham, Ala.</i>									
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
New Jersey	1	1	0	.500	34	34			
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.500	47	46			
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	26	47			
Michigan	0	2	0	.000	18	27			
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Birmingham	1	0	0	1.000	28	24			
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	17	3			
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	23	17			
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	12			

WEEK 2
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 30, Pittsburgh 23
Birmingham at Houston, late

SUNDAY'S GAME
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 3p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
New Jersey 10, Michigan 6

NFL

DRAFT ORDER
denotes picks involved in trades that are conditional
FIRST ROUND
1. Jacksonville Jaguars
2. Detroit Lions
3. Houston Texans
4. N.Y. Jets
5. N.Y. Giants
6. Carolina Panthers
7. N.Y. Giants (from Chicago)
8. Atlanta Falcons
9. Seattle Seahawks (from Denver)
10. N.Y. Jets (from Seattle Seahawks)
11. Washington Commanders
12. Minnesota Vikings
13. Houston Texans (from Cleveland)
14. Baltimore Ravens
15. Philadelphia Eagles (from Miami)
16. New Orleans Saints (via Ind/Phi)
17. L.A. Chargers
18. Philadelphia (from New Orleans)
19. New Orleans (from Philadelphia)
20. Pittsburgh Steelers
21. New England Patriots
22. Green Bay Packers (from Las Vegas)
23. Arizona Cardinals
24. Dallas Cowboys
25. Buffalo Bills
26. Tennessee Titans
27. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
28. Green Bay Packers
29. Kansas City Chiefs (from SF/Mia)
30. Kansas City Chiefs
31. Cincinnati Bengals
32. Detroit Lions (from L.A. Rams)

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
EASTERN	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	5	1	2	17	12	5
Orlando City	4	2	2	14	10	7
New York	3	2	2	11	10	6
Atlanta	3	2	2	11	9	9
Toronto FC	3	2	2	11	11	12
CF Montréal	3	3	2	11	14	17
Chicago	2	2	4	10	5	5
Charlotte FC	3	5	0	9	8	11
Columbus	2	3	2	8	10	9
New York City FC	2	3	1	7	11	6
New England	2	4	1	7	10	13
Cincinnati	2	4	1	7	8	14
Inter Miami FC	2	4	1	7	7	15
D.C. United	2	4	0	6	7	8
WESTERN	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA	
Los Angeles FC	5	1	1	16	17	7
FC Dallas	4	3	1	15	12	5
Austin FC	4	1	2	14	17	7
Minnesota United	4	2	2	14	11	6
LA Galaxy	4	2	1	13	9	6
Houston	3	2	3	12	11	9
Real Salt Lake	3	2	3	12	9	13
Nashville	3	2	2	11	8	8
Portland	2	2	4	10	10	13
Colorado	2	3	2	8	9	11
Seattle	2	3	1	7	6	7
Sporting KC	2	6	0	6	6	14
Vancouver	1	5	1	4	6	14
San Jose	0	4	3	3	11	17
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Barnes named Rookie of the Year



Raptors forward Scottie Barnes was voted NBA Rookie of the Year on Saturday, edging Cavaliers’ Evan Mobley in a close vote. Barnes got 48 first-place votes and 378 points from a global panel of 100 sports writers and broadcasters. Mobley received 43 first-place votes and finished with 363 points. The difference of 15 points was the smallest margin in the rookie category under the current voting format that began with the 2002-03 season. Players receive five points for a first-place vote, three points for a second-place vote and one point for third. The award was announced shortly before the Raptors hosted the 76ers in Game 4 of their first-round series, trailing 3-0. Barnes returned after missing the previous two games with a sprained left ankle. Barnes averaged 15.3 points, 7.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists in 35.4 minutes per game, starting all of the 74 games he played. He led all rookies in minutes and was third in points and rebounds. The No. 4 draft pick after one season at Florida State joined Vince Carter (1999) and Damon Stoudamire (1995-96) as Raptors players to be voted Rookie of the Year.

Busch’s NASCAR future uncertain



The only active multiple champion at NASCAR’s top level has no idea where he’ll be driving next year. But if it’s not in the Cup Series, Kyle Busch can land a ride with his 6-year-old son. “Brexton Busch’s truck driver,” the two-time champion quipped Saturday about his plans. Busch has been sponsored by M&M’s since he joined Joe Gibbs Racing in 2008, but the company informed the team ahead of the season that it was leaving NASCAR at the end of this year. That started a sponsorship search at JGR that will be key in retaining Busch, who won last week at Bristol to tie Richard Petty with a victory in 18 consecutive seasons. Busch was matter-of-fact following Saturday qualifying at Talladega Superspeedway about his future in the No. 18 Toyota. When would he like to know his 2023 plans? “Yesterday.” Is he antsy about the uncertainty? “I’m not getting antsy about it. If it happens, it happens. If it don’t, it don’t. Goodbye.” Wait, so leaving JGR is an option? “Ask Joe Gibbs.” Gibbs has not been made available to reporters since Busch’s win at Bristol.

Manchester City’s Jesus nets 4 goals



Manchester City striker Gabriel Jesus scored more goals in 53 minutes on Saturday than he had in the previous eight months in the English Premier League. Becoming the first player in the league to score four goals in one game this season, Jesus led City to a 5-1 thrashing of Watford to open a four-point lead over second-placed Liverpool in the title race. Liverpool can trim that back to one point with five matches left by beating Everton in the Merseyside derby on Sunday. Jesus has been something of an afterthought at City this season, scoring only three goals in the league before the arrival of next-to-last Watford for a match that ended up resembling a training exercise. The Brazil international netted twice in the first half and twice more in the opening eight minutes of the second half — one of which was a penalty to complete his hat trick. Rodri scored the other goal — a dipping, long-range shot after collecting a pass from Jesus — for City, which used the match to give key players a rest ahead of Real Madrid’s visit in the Champions League semifinals on Tuesday. —Associated Press



Pittsburgh quarterback Kenny Pickett throws at the NFL scouting combine March 3 in Indianapolis. DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

NFL DRAFT

Take a hard pass

Lack of premier passers in draft created QB carousel

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

A dearth of premier passers in the upcoming NFL draft meant the quarterback carousel spun faster than ever this spring. Russell Wilson, Matt Ryan, Marcus Mariota, Carson Wentz, Teddy Bridgewater, Drew Lock and Deshaun Watson all changed teams in 2022. Franchises still searching for a prized quarterback won’t find much star power in this year’s crop of college QBs, although there are potential upgrades in the likes of Liberty’s Malik Willis, Pitt’s Kenny Pickett, Mississippi’s Matt Corral, Cincinnati’s Desmond Ridder and North Carolina’s Sam Howell. None of them will rise to the very top of the draft as 16 quarterbacks have done this century, including Trevor Lawrence, Joe Burrow, Kyler Murray and Baker Mayfield over the past four years. This might even be the first draft since 2013 without a quarterback selected in the top 10. NFL Network analyst Daniel Jeremiah noted he was 32 minutes into a media conference call before he was even asked about this QB class. “So that tells you it’s a little bit different draft,” he said. “None of the quarterbacks just completely blow you away.” Every prospect has his problems. Pickett put up big numbers but has small hands. Willis’ upside is intriguing, but he’s inexperienced and imprecise. One thing that does ooze from this QB class is defiance. “Somebody’s always going to think you’re trash. That’s just the way the

game goes,” Willis said. “I really don’t care too much about what he and she say.” Neither does Ridder. “We’re all overachievers and we all feel like there’s a chip on our shoulders just because they’re saying this draft class isn’t as good as others,” Ridder said. Several GMs share that view. “I think it’s a quality class,” Steelers GM Kevin Colbert said. “There’s going to be starting NFL quarterbacks coming out of this class, for sure.” Panthers GM Scott Fitterer said that while the consensus says this is a weak quarterback class, “we look at it a little bit differently. We think there’s some guys who can come in and help us.” Pickett is the best plug-and-play prospect of the bunch despite his small hands that concern scouts. Although raw, Willis could provide a big payoff for a team willing to be patient. “He’s got a huge arm,” Jeremiah said. “He is a powerfully built guy who can drive the ball. You saw it at the Senior Bowl when it was raining and everybody else was struggling. He didn’t have any issues whatsoever.” Unlike Pickett, whose misfires that day reignited the hand size debate. Burrow also raised red flags when his hands were measured at 9 inches at the 2020 combine. Burrow went No. 1 in the draft six weeks later to the Bengals, whom he led to the Super Bowl in his second season. Nobody in this class is expected to turn around a team overnight. Remember, Lawrence was the consensus No. 1 pick by the Jaguars a year ago and went 3-14 with 12 TD passes and 17 interceptions as a rookie. “We are coming off a year where you saw Mac Jones in New England play as well as you’re probably going

to see most years from a rookie quarterback and the Patriots still couldn’t win a playoff game,” noted ESPN draft analyst Todd McShay. Pickett’s 52 college starts are 22 more than Jones had at Alabama, and that experience makes him probably the safest bet. As for Willis, as soon as Commissioner Roger Goodell calls his name on draft night, “he automatically is one of the three most dynamic runners and escape artists at the quarterback position” in the NFL, McShay said. “But he is not ready to play. He’s got two years at Liberty and as his coach Hugh Freeze said, ‘He doesn’t know what he doesn’t know.’” That’s why many scouts believe Willis would be best served sitting a year behind a veteran as Trey Lance did last season when he backed up Jimmy Garoppolo in San Francisco. Lance, who was selected third overall last year, would have been the top pick hands-down in 2022 had he stayed at North Dakota State and come out this year. A year ago, five of the first 15 draft picks were quarterbacks, including the top three. So, why is this QB class so wobbly? “I think the pandemic is part of it,” Jeremiah said. “You think about the time that was lost, seasons were cut short.” Next year looks promising with a class of Bryce Young, C.J. Stroud, Spencer Rattler and Anthony Richardson. Still, teams shouldn’t dismiss this year’s class entirely. “I was as guilty as anybody in 2017,” Jeremiah said, “and we were talking about the excitement of Sam Darnold and Josh Rosen in the next year and then we had two of the best young quarterbacks we’ve seen in forever right under our noses.” Those would be Patrick Mahomes and Deshaun Watson.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Siakam, Raptors avoid series sweep

News services

It was a thumbs down day for Joel Embiid and the 76ers, who couldn’t complete a first-round sweep of the Raptors. Pascal Siakam scored 15 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter, Gary Trent Jr. added 24 points and the Raptors beat Embiid and the Sixers 110-102 on Saturday. Game 5 is Monday night in Philadelphia. “We’ll be ready, I can guarantee you that,” 76ers coach Doc Rivers said. Embiid started despite a right thumb injury that required him to wear a brace. “It’s painful,” Embiid said. “In basketball you need to use your hand a lot.” No team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit to win an NBA playoff series. Fans briefly chanted “Raps in seven” after both coaches emptied their benches in the final minutes. Embiid said he injured his thumb in the first half of Wednesday’s Game 3, and had it taped at halftime. He finished that game with a decisive 3-pointer in overtime, but wore a brace afterward, and at Friday’s practice. Although Rivers said the Sixers don’t believe the injury can get worse, Embiid was seen shaking his hand in pain several times Saturday, occasionally doubling over as he squeezed the area. “It’s going to be something he’s going to have to deal with throughout the playoffs from this point on,” Rivers said. “It’s not going to go away. He’ll get better and better at figuring out how to use it.” Embiid shot 3 for 10 in the first half. He finished 7 for 16 and scored 21 points in 39 minutes. He said he expects to undergo an MRI in Philadelphia Monday but will likely keep playing even if doctors recommend surgery. “I want to play,” he said. “I would imagine that I keep playing and probably do something after the season.”

Jazz tie up series: Rudy Gobert gave the Jazz the lead with an alley-oop dunk with 11.0 seconds left and the Jazz held off the Mavericks 100-99 on Saturday in Game 4 to tie the first-round series. Spencer Dinwiddie missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer for the Mavericks. Jordan Clarkson scored 25 points for the Jazz, Donovan Mitchell added 23 points and seven assists, and Rudy Gobert had 17 points and 15 rebounds — 10 off the offensive glass. Mavs star Luka Doncic scored 30 points, 10 rebounds four assists in his return from a three-game absence because of strained left calf. Game 5 is Monday night in Dallas.

SUNDAY’S GAMES

Bucks vs. Bulls

Where, when, TV: Chicago; 1 p.m. EDT; ABC. **Bottom line:** Bucks visit the Bulls in the Eastern Conference first round with a 2-1 lead in the series. The Bucks won the last matchup 111-81 on Friday led by 22 points from Grayson Allen, while Nikola Vucevic scored 19 points for the Bulls. **Top performers:** DeMar DeRozan is shooting 47.1% and averaging 27.9 points over the last 10 games for the Bulls. Giannis Antetokounmpo is shooting 55.3% and averaging 29.9 points for the Bucks.

Warriors vs. Nuggets

Where, when, TV: Denver; 3:30 p.m. EDT; ABC. **Bottom line:** Warriors look to clinch the series over the Nuggets in Game 4 of the Western Conference first round. The Warriors beat the Nuggets 118-113 Thursday. Jordan Poole led the Warriors with 27 points, and Nikola Jokic led the Nuggets with 37 points. **Top performers:** Will Barton is averaging 2.8 made 3-pointers over the last 10 games for the Nuggets. Poole is shooting 48.2% and averaging 26.1 points over the last 10 games for the Warriors.

Heat vs. Hawks

Where, when, TV: Atlanta; 7 p.m. EDT; TNT. **Bottom line:** Heat visit the Hawks in the Eastern Conference first round with a 2-1 lead in the series. The Hawks won the last meeting 111-110 Friday led by 24 points from Trae Young, while Tyler Herro scored 24 for the Heat. **Top performers:** Bogdan Bogdanovic is averaging 3.4 made 3-pointers over the last 10 games for the Hawks. Jimmy Butler is shooting 56.3% and averaging 25.8 points over the past 10 games for the Heat.

Suns vs. Pelicans

Where, when, TV: New Orleans; 9:30 p.m. EDT; TNT. **Bottom line:** Suns visit the Pelicans in the Western Conference first round with a 2-1 lead in the series. The Suns won 114-111 on Friday led by 28 points from Deandre Ayton, while Brandon Ingram scored 34 for the Pelicans. **Top performers:** Ingram is averaging 22.7 points, 5.8 rebounds and 5.6 assists over the past 10 games for the Pelicans. Ayton is averaging 17.2 points and 10.2 rebounds for the Suns.

SPORTS

JETS

It's a crucial draft for GM Douglas

Jets have two picks in top 10

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Douglas and the New York Jets enter the NFL draft poised to make franchise history.

With picks Nos. 4 and 10, the team has two selections in the top 10 for the first time. And with plenty of needs even after a shopping spree in free agency, Douglas will get a chance to add two potential long-term starters while the pizza's still hot and the beer ice cold at Jets fans' draft parties.

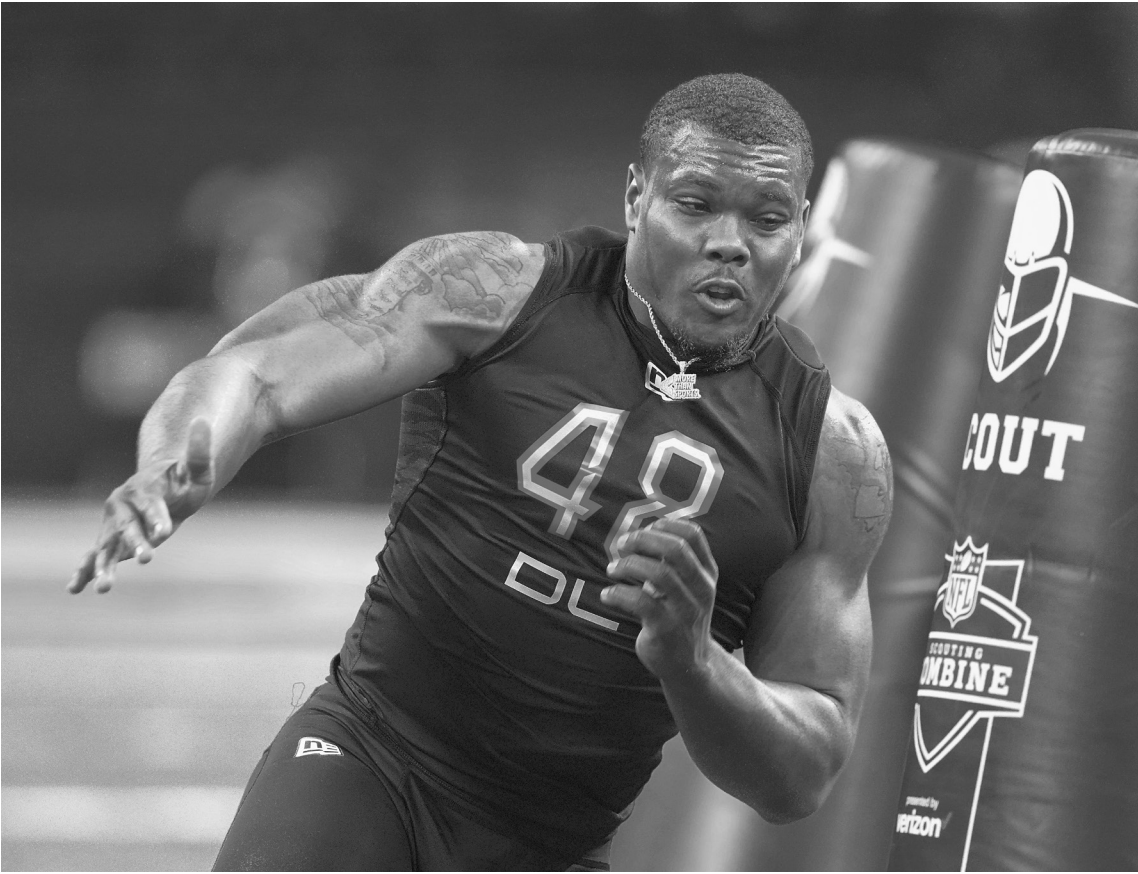
If he doesn't trade out of one — or both — of those spots.

"I think obviously it depends on who we're talking about," Douglas said last month at the league meetings in Palm Beach, Florida. "If it's the right opportunity, we'll consider any packages. But ultimately, we want to talk about a package that makes sense for us and gives us the ability to maintain our flexibility."

In other words, everything's on the table for the Jets.

And that's how it should be for a team that has the league's longest active playoff drought at 11 seasons. This is Douglas' third full offseason as the GM, and the pressure is on to build a roster that will compete for a playoff spot — at least into December.

New York has just six wins during the last two years, but there's a glimmer of hope after last season's 4-13



With the fourth pick in the draft, the New York Jets could look to Georgia defensive lineman Travon Walker to bolster the pass rush. **DARRON CUMMINGS/AP**

campaign under first-year coach Robert Saleh. There's some young talent to build around, including recent draft picks such as quarterback Zach Wilson, wide receiver Elijah Moore, runningback Michael Carter and offensive linemen Mekhi Becton and Alijah Vera-Tucker.

The free-agent signings of

tight ends C.J. Uzomah and Tyler Conklin, guard Laken Tomlinson, cornerback D.J. Reed, safety Jordan Whitehead and defensive linemen Jacob Martin and Solomon Thomas will certainly help.

But what Douglas does with his picks this year could very well shape the future of a franchise in

desperate need of wins.

"There's pressure every offseason, but obviously this year, having four picks in the top 38, we do this the right way, it could really be special," Douglas said. "And where we set ourselves up with free agency and the opportunity here with these top four picks, again, it's

a huge opportunity for us."

Help on the edge: Defensive end Carl Lawson will be back after missing last season with a ruptured Achilles tendon in his left leg. His return will boost the pass rush, but the Jets will be in position to add another big-time playmaker to complement him. While Michigan's Aidan Hutchinson isn't expected to fall to No. 4, Oregon's Kayvon Thibodeaux and Georgia's Travon Walker could be there when New York goes on the clock. And for a team that has been searching for a consistently dominant pass rusher since the days of John Abraham in the early 2000s, it might be tough to pass up anyone who might cause problems for opposing quarterbacks.

"I've said it before: If we had the Fearsome Foursome, we'd still be wanting to add a pass rusher," Saleh said at the league meetings. "It's always going to help. If the opportunity presents itself, we'll get it, but we're not going to force the position, either."

On the corner: The Jets signed Reed to be their No. 1 cornerback. Bryce Hall and Brandin Echols — last year's starters — figure to be in the mix to start at the other spot. But this is another position New York figures to bolster, and it could do so at No. 4. Cincinnati's Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner has been rising on teams' draft boards and projects as a top cornerback. If the Jets go elsewhere with their first pick, LSU's Derek Stingley Jr. could be enticing at No. 10.

Patriots

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evolve and adapt and trying to find better ways, more efficient ways of going about that."

That will be particularly true at linebacker, a position New England will be focusing on as it tries to get younger and faster after its first return to the playoffs since Tom Brady's departure ended a loss in the wild-card round.

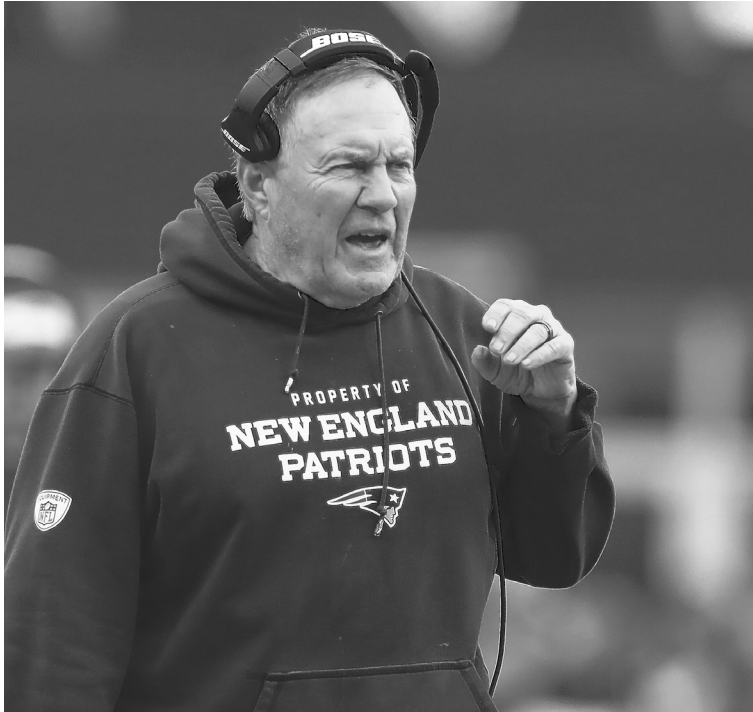
"It's a different game than it was 20, 30, 40 years ago, and that player has also changed. There's not as many of those big linebackers. They just, they don't exist," Groh said. "Colleges want them smaller because they've got to be able to adapt to the college game. So, you can't just create these guys out of thin air, and so it's with all the positions, it's what the college game provides us. We have to just take what they are going to give us from year to year."

New England enters the draft with eight picks, including the 21st pick of the first round. Possible early targets include linebacker Nakobe Dean, receiver Kyle Philips and cornerback Andrew Booth.

Alabama pipeline: Belichick hasn't been shy about drafting players who've gone through friend and Alabama coach Nick Saban's program.

New England selected Crimson Tide players with its first two picks in 2021, grabbing quarterback Mac Jones and defensive lineman Christian Barmore. It marked the third consecutive draft that the Patriots have taken at least one Alabama player.

Alabama's prospect list isn't as deep as years past, but receiv-



Under Bill Belichick, the Patriots have been notorious for trading back into later rounds of the draft. **PAUL CONNORS/AP**

ers John Metchie and Jameson Williams could be possibilities.

Looking forward: Jones and Barmore made last year's draft one of the best New England has had under Belichick. But some of the recent early round misses (Cyrus Jones 2016, Derek Rivers 2017, N'Keal Harry 2019) gnaw at team owner Robert Kraft. At last month's league meetings, he said improving his team's draft shortcomings is the priority.

"More than anything, it bothers me that we haven't been able to win a playoff game in the last three years," Kraft said. "I'm happy that we had, I think, a great draft last year. Made up

for what happened the previous four years or so. I look forward to hopefully having a great draft this year. It's the only way you can build your team for long term and consistently that you have a chance at winning is having a good draft."

Trader Bill: New England has been notorious for trading back into later rounds of the draft. While the Patriots are expected to make more selections than in the past, it likely won't stop them from making a trade or two to add players or extra picks. In Belichick's 22 seasons, 2004 was the only year the team didn't execute at least one draft-day trade.

Giants

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The Giants, who went 4-13 in Joe Judge's second and final season as coach, are in an enviable position for the draft. They have their own pick at No. 5 overall and the No. 7 choice they got from the Bears last year for trading down in the first round. Chicago took quarterback Justin Fields at No. 11, and the Giants grabbed receiver Kadarius Toney at No. 20.

It's the first time New York has had two picks in the top 10, which should help new coach Brian Daboll. It has nine picks overall, all in the first six rounds.

The roster has a ton of holes after five straight losing seasons. The offense is desperate for a tackle and later either a tight end or wide receiver. The defense needs an edge rusher and either a cornerback or safety, with much depending on the status of veteran cornerback James Bradberry.

"Having two top-10 picks, it's definitely a good way to set the foundation, get two really good players early on," Schoen said. "Again, you're not sitting at 15 or 20, trying to figure out who is going to be there. The fact that we can list seven players, know that we're going to get two of them, makes it a little bit easier."

Schoen is open to moving either up or down in the draft, but he insists any first-round deal would have to blow his doors off. His goal for the Giants is to compete today and build for tomorrow, which makes this draft crucial.

"For Brian and I, it's our first

two picks as New York Giant head coach and general manager," Schoen said. "In terms of foundational pieces, in terms of finding good players, the type of people we want, it's very important."

Offensive tackle: The offensive line was decimated by injuries, and it was a big reason New York struggled last season. Left tackle Andrew Thomas is outstanding. Schoen signed center Jon Feliciano and guard Mark Glowinski in free agency. Shane Lemieux, Max Garcia, Ben Bredeson and Nick Gates will compete for a guard spot. For the other tackle, either Evan Neal of Alabama and Ikem Ekwonu of North Carolina State would be solid choice at No. 5.

Cornerback question: With Bradberry and Adoree Jackson, the Giants should be set at cornerback. Bradberry has a nearly \$22 million cap hit, and that is a problem. Schoen said it is conceivable he will stay with the team, but New York also could trade him. It would create a hole. Either Ahmad Gardner of Cincinnati or Derek Stingley Jr. of LSU seems ready to step in. New York has two second-year cornerbacks returning — Aaron Robinson and Rodarius Williams.

Bottom line: The Giants were so bad the past few seasons anybody they take should be an improvement. Thomas, third-year safety Xavier McKinney, DL Leonard Williams and LB Azeez Ojulari and PK Graham Gano top the roster. If they go for an edge rusher, the might look at Oregon's Kayvon Thibodeaux and Georgia's Travon Walker.

NHL BRUINS 3, RANGERS 1

Pastrnak scores 39th goal in win over NYC

By Ken Powtak
Associated Press

BOSTON — David Pastrnak scored his team-leading 39th goal after missing the previous eight games with an undisclosed injury, helping the Boston Bruins beat the New York Rangers 3-1 on Saturday.

Taylor Hall and Trent Frederic also scored for Boston, which is jockeying for playoff seeding in the Eastern Conference. Linus Ullmark made 30 stops for the Bruins, who had lost four of their previous six games.

Mika Zibanejad scored his 29th goal for New York and Igor Shesterkin made 32 saves.

Having locked up home ice in the opening round of the playoffs with a victory over the Islanders on Thursday, the Rangers had their four-game winning streak snapped.

New York finished the road portion of its regular season with 23 victories, tied for third-most in team history.

Boston went 0-for-3 on the power play and hasn't scored in its last 32 opportunities.

Charlie McAvoy made a nice cross-ice pass to Pastrnak, who fired the puck past Shesterkin from the left circle with 35 seconds left in the opening period.

Hall beat Shesterkin on a partial breakaway just over a minute into the second, slipping a wrist shot inside the far post. Pastrnak assisted on the play for his 500th career point.

With Boston shorthanded after Ullmark flipped the puck over the glass for a delay-of-game penalty early in the third, Zibanejad fired in a wrist shot from the bottom of the left circle. But Frederic scored on a rebound with 10:23 to play.

Ullmark, who missed three games with an injury, robbed former Bruin Frank Vatrano midway through the second, using his glove to snare the one-timer. He even made a skate save off his own teammate, when the puck caromed off the skate of defenseman Hampus Lindholm.

Lindholm, a big trade-deadline pickup, returned after being sidelined with a lower-body injury for seven games.



Kyrie Irving of the Nets drives against Marcus Smart of the Celtics during Game 3 of the Eastern Conference first-round playoffs at Barclays Center on Saturday in New York City. **AL BELLO/GETTY**

Celtics

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Claxton and Bruce Brown were both scrambling to close out at a spot on the left side of the 3-point arc where Smart is very comfortable launching. But he drove between the two Nets and delivered the bullet pass to a spinning Tatum for the winning layup.

It just goes to show, says Smart, that beyond his All-NBA defense, this is his calling — not the

streak-shooting combo guard who has sometimes left the Garden crowd cringing at his shot selection, but the primary playmaker who probably should have had that job well before this season.

Allow Smart to recite a brief history of his time at the position.

"It is amusing for the simple fact that in high school I was a point guard, got drafted out of high school as a point guard, got drafted out of college as a point guard," he said recently. "Being able to be a top-six pick — the

year before (he was drafted), my freshman year (at Oklahoma State), could have possibly been the No. 1 or 2 pick, and everything was at the point guard position. To hear people say I'm not a point guard or, oh my gosh, I can't believe he's a point guard — I was a top-six pick, as a point guard. I was chosen as a point guard — for some reason. It is funny, but I just continue to keep getting better, working on my game and not really worried about everybody else."

WEATHER

SUNDAY



Considerable cloudiness, cooler. Northeast wind becoming southeast at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 61°

LOW 44°

MONDAY



Mixed clouds and sunshine, seasonable.

HIGH 63°

LOW 46°

TUESDAY



Mostly cloudy with showers, tapering off late.

HIGH 62°

LOW 48°

WEDNESDAY



Variable cloudiness, breezy and pleasant. Chance for a morning shower.

HIGH 57°

LOW 40°

THURSDAY



Partly sunny, breezy and cool.

HIGH 53°

LOW 39°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

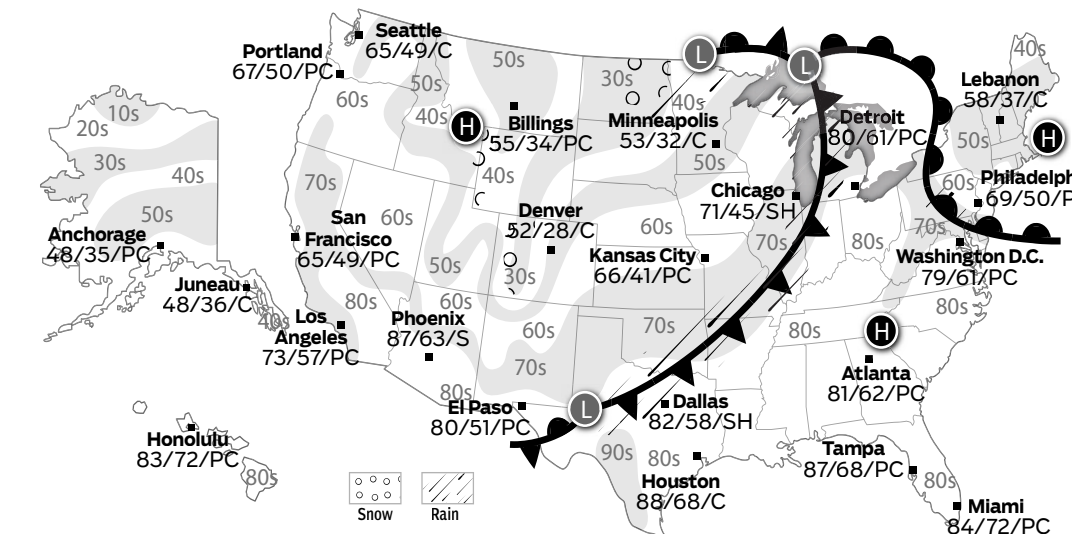
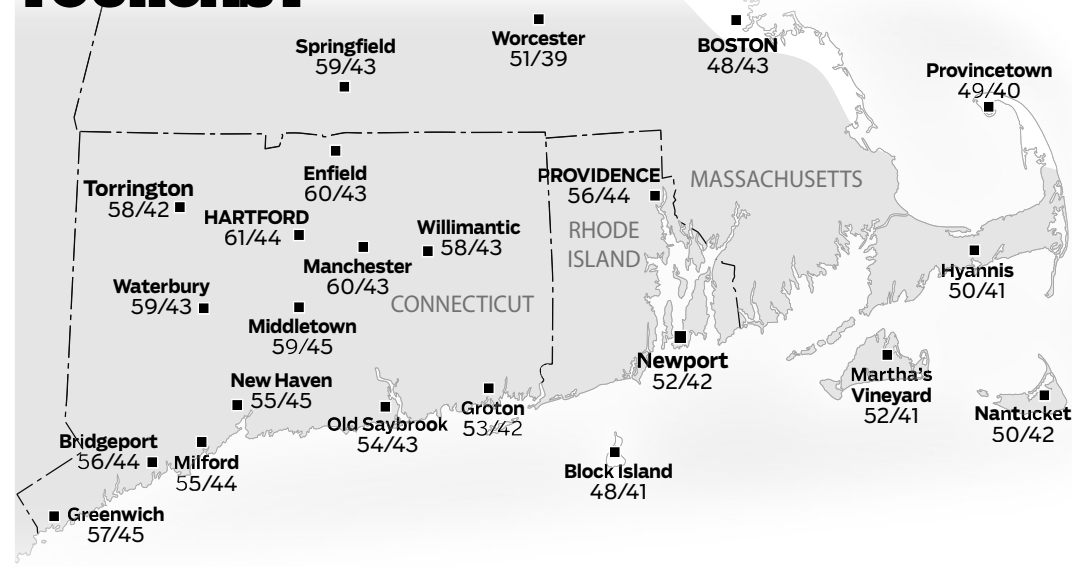
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows .



OUTLOOK

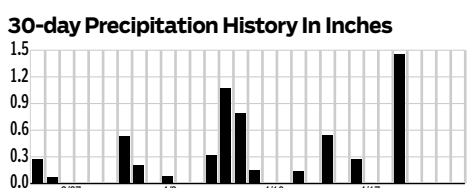
A warm front to the southwest of Connecticut will cause considerable cloudiness on Sunday with high temperatures ranging from the mid-50s to the lower 60s. The wind will be on the light side from the northeast in the morning and from the southeast in the afternoon at 5 to 10 mph. A mixture of clouds and sunshine on Monday as the warm front remains to the southwest. There will be little change in the temperatures. A frontal system moving into the area will produce showers on Tuesday and perhaps early Tuesday night. A shower or two is possible Wednesday morning.

-Gary Lessor

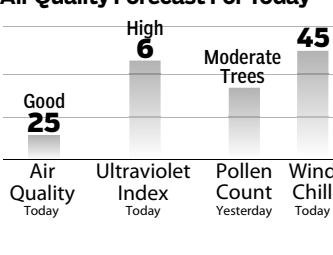
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Precipitation in Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.13
Month to date	5.06 2.94
Total this year	14.54 13.16

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today

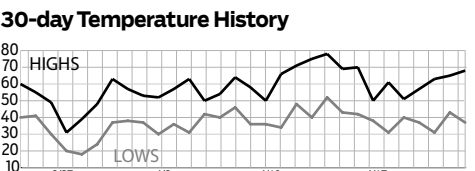


Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	4:44 a.m.	11:24 a.m.	54°
Saybrook Jetty	5:24 p.m.	11:48 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	5:55 a.m.	a.m.	52°
Madison	6:08 a.m.	a.m.	51°
New Haven	6:28 a.m.	12:14 a.m.	50°
Stamford	7:08 p.m.	12:54 p.m.	
	6:32 a.m.	12:28 a.m.	48°
	7:12 p.m.	1:08 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford	9.05 feet at 4:30 p.m.
Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W MCloudy
Wind	E, 5-10 NE/E, 5-10 NE/E, 5-15
Seas	1 ft. 1-3 ft. 2 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Saturday	68 at 3:13 p.m.	37 at 4:38 a.m.
Normal for date	64	41
Record for date	88 in 2007	26 in 2020
A year ago	62	35
Range this year	78	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - April 23	5084	5577	5164



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.43 at 8 a.m.	30.21 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	31° at 12 a.m.	14° at 5 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND Bangor 58 33 S Burlington 58 45 C Caribou 53 32 S Concord 57 35 PC Montpelier 56 36 C Mt. Wash. 39 33 C Portland 55 37 PC Woods Hole 52 39 C NATION Albany 58 44 C Albuquerque 66 40 PC Atlantic City 65 46 PC	Baltimore 78 56 PC Bismarck 40 24 SF Boise 62 42 S Buffalo 75 59 PC Charleston 82 62 PC Cincinnati 81 61 PC Cleveland 83 61 PC Indianapolis 75 53 C Jacksonville 83 60 PC Las Vegas 80 60 S Miami Beach 80 75 PC Milwaukee 67 42 C	Nashville 84 64 PC New Orleans 85 69 PC New York 64 49 C Okl. City 64 45 C Omaha 60 35 PC Orlando 86 65 PC Pittsburgh 82 61 PC Raleigh 85 58 PC St. Louis 75 52 T Salt Lake City 56 39 C San Antonio 90 71 PC San Diego 76 59 PC	San Juan 84 73 PC Tucson 85 50 S WORLD Amsterdam 59 41 S Athens 77 55 S Bangkok 99 84 T Barbados 85 77 PC Beijing 81 55 C Beirut 74 66 PC Berlin 61 41 C Bermuda 68 62 PC	Budapest 68 46 SH Buenos Aires 73 66 PC Cairo 91 60 S Cancun 84 74 SH Dubai 104 81 PC Edinburgh 50 43 C Helsinki 54 32 S Hong Kong 86 77 C Istanbul 73 50 SH Jerusalem 77 61 SH Johannesburg 72 55 T Singapore 93 73 T	Stockholm 51 30 PC Sydney 73 59 SH Tel Aviv 74 61 PC Tokyo 70 61 SH Toronto 64 54 S Vancouver 59 48 SH Warsaw 59 43 SH
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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

SOFTBALL

CCC-Inter
BRISTOL CENTRAL 6, NEWINGTON 2
BC 112-110 0-6-10-1
N 100-000-1-2-3-5
WP: Sophia Torres. **LP:** Jaelyn Gonzalez. Rec.: **BC**—5-1; **N**—4-2. **Note:** Torres had 14strikeouts. Leah Sklenka was 3-for-4with a double, RBI and Lorelei Stancavage was 2-for-5with a double, RBI for Bristol. Hannah DeMarco had a triple for Newington.
ROCKY HILL 6, MANCHESTER 3
M 201-000-0-3-8-1
RH 000-015-x-6-7-3
WP: Shauna Kehoe. **LP:** Kate Regan. **HR:** RH—Maddie Dillon. Rec.: **RH**—4-3; **M**—3-5. **Note:** Fiona Ndoni had the go-ahead 2-run single in the bottom of the 6th for Rocky Hill.
WETHERSFIELD 10, PLAINVILLE 9
WP: Kyla Brogan. **LP:** Grace Geddes. **HR:** P—Samantha Thompson. Rec.: **W**—4-2; **P**—3-3.
NCCC
STAFFORD 11, EAST WINDSOR/SMSA 2
S 002-024-4-11
EW 200-000-0-2
WP: Ashley Torres. **LP:** Abby Lee. **HR:** S—Sofia Frassinelli. Rec.: **S**—4-2; **EW**—3-3. **Note:** Torres had 17strikeouts. Sam King was 4-for-5with 2doubles, 2 RBI for Stafford. Samantha Corrado was 4-for-4with 2doubles for East Windsor.
CROMWELL 6, OLD LYME 0
OL 000-000-0-0
C 101-022-x-6
WP: Lily Kenney. **LP:** Emma Baylor. Rec.: **C**—8-1; **OL**—6-3. **Note:** Kenney tossed a shut-out with 57strikeouts. Jamie Anderson had 2hits, 4runs scored, 4stolen bases for Cromwell.
NVL
SEYMOUR 6, ST. PAUL 3
SP 002-000-1-3-7-1
S 230-100-x-6-10-0
WP: Skylar Burton. **LP:** Gillian Smith. **HR:** SP—Smith. Rec.: **S**—5-3; **SP**—1-8. **Note:** Smith was 3-for-3with a home run and Kate Marchak had 2hits, including a double.
Others
BLOOMFIELD 29, PRINCE TECH 18
B 172-037-9-29-10-8
PT 123-124-5-18-7-8
WP: Taraji Larmond. **LP:** Carolina Alavardo. **HR:** PT—Liana Diaz. Rec.: **B**—4-4; **PT**—0-7.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-Inter
SOUTHTON 16, RHAM 2
Goals: S—Makaya Winegar (4), Auria Mullings (3), Taylor Foresi (2), Nicole DePodesta (2), Gabrielle Castonguay (2), Ella Huard, Alexandra Barner, Julieanne Bader; **R**—Maggie Walker, Kaylee Macca. **Saves:** **R**—Love Lanzaella and Taryn Brysleg, 9 Rec.: **S**—7-0; **R**—2-3.
Others
HALL 8, GRANBY 7
Goals: **H**—Emma Keller (4), Grace Rocheleau (2), Julia Kobleski, Talia Sortman; **G**—Alyssa Mackowski (5), Natalie Jones, Jayne Hiatt. **Saves:** **H**—Talia Leshem, 10; **G**—Alexis DeMeo, 2. Rec.: **H**—2-5; **G**—5-1. **Note:** Rocheleau scored the go-ahead goal with 4:02left in the game.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-West
SOUTHTON 3, CONARD 1 (25-15, 25-27, 25-16, 25-18)
S: Matthew Morgan, 16kills, 10digs, 5aces, Ben Roper, 43assists, 6aces, Cameron Stanton, 14kills. Rec.: **S**—5-2; **C**—2-3.

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-North
NEWINGTON 7, NEW BRITAIN 0

GIRLS TENNIS

Shoreline
OLD LYME 7, PORTLAND 0
SCC
LYMAN HALL 7, HAMDEN 0
AMITY 17, MERCY 0

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-South
MIDDLETOWN 9, BRISTOL CENTRAL 2
LEWIS MILLS 7, NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 16
CCC-Inter
NEWINGTON 6, EAST CATHOLIC 3
N 104-001-0-6-9-1
EC 100-101-0-3-4-2
WP: Gavin Gray. **LP:** Brayden Collazo. Rec.: **N**—7-0; **EC**—6-1. **Note:** Gray tossed a complete game with 8strikeouts. Josiah Ross was 3-for-3with 2RBI and Shawn Callahan had 2doubles.
SCC
GUILFORD 3, CHESHIRE 1
SHEEHAN 17, NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 16
ECC
BACON ACADEMY 9, LEDYARD 5
L 012-011-0-5-10-1
BA 110-430-x-9-5-2
WP: Jacob Ambrose. **LP:** Rory Pelletier. **HR:** BA—Jack Novak. Rec.: **BA**—8-0; **L**—3-6. **Note:** Novak had a 2-run double that gave Bacon a 4-3lead and a 3-run homer.
PLAINFIELD 13, WINDHAM 10
NVL
ST. PAUL 2, WATERTOWN 1
SP 000-000-2-2-4-0
W 000-010-0-1-2-1
WP: Joey Tonnotti. **LP:** Henry Marino. Rec.: **SP**—9-0; **W**—4-5. **Note:** Tonnotti allowed 1run on 2hits and had 16strikeouts, 1walk.
Others
SOUTH WINDSOR 4, EAST LYME 3
EAST GRANBY 8, THOMASTON 0
TOLLAND 9, ELLINGTON 8
SOUTHTON 11, FITCH 7
STAPLES 5, HALL 4

SOFTBALL

CCC-Inter
WETHERSFIELD 8, SOUTH WINDSOR 2
WP: Kyla Brogan. **LP:** Gabrielle Ryan. Rec.: **W**—5-2; **SW**—3-3.
NCCC
CANTON 3, ROCKVILLE 2 (9)
R 001-000-100-2-7-1
C 100-000-101-3-4-2
WP: Alice Butterfield. **LP:** Alexis Real. **HR:** C—Joelle Daigneault. Rec.: **C**—5-3; **R**—4-4. **Note:** Daigneault hit a walk-off homer in the bottom of the 9th. Eric Mackin was 2-for-3with an RBI. Madison Pitkin was 3-for-5with 2RBI for Rockville.
ECC
WINDHAM 14, PLAINFIELD 4
W 207-020-3-14-10-4
P 100-001-2-4-6-2
WP: Analise Escarraman. **LP:** Sierra Madden. **HR:** P—Hannah Irons. Rec.: **W**—6-4; **P**—2-4. **Note:** Escarraman had 13 strikeouts and had a triple, 3RBI at the plate. Alyssa Lebiszcak was 2-for-2 with 3walks, 4runs scored.
LEDYARD 4, BACON ACADEMY 1
Others
ENFIELD 4, IMMACULATE 2
E 010-300-0-4-3-1
I 100-010-0-2-4-2
WP: Tiffany Lubanski. **LP:** Emily Rerick. Rec.: **E**—6-2; **I**—4-5. **Note:** Lubanski had 11strikeouts. Samantha Dubiel and Cassidy Wallner each had an RBI for Enfield.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-Inter
FARMINGTON 13, WETHERSFIELD 7
NEWINGTON 17, ENFIELD 2
EAST CATHOLIC 15, SOUTH WINDSOR 3
Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 11, CROMWELL 2
Others
SOMERS 15, HALL 13
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 16, ST. BERNARD/WHEELER 5
CHESHIRE 18, SIMSBURY 11

MORGAN 12, STONINGTON 10
SOUTHTON 12, VALLEY REGIONAL 4
NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 18, AVON 6

GIRLS LACROSSE

Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 15, CROMWELL 9
Others
STAMFORD 17, ROCKVILLE 6
Goals: S—Alana Goldhaber (5), Alex Butler (4), Madison Sweeney (3), Carolyn O'Halloran (2), Paige Tuccinardi (2), Brady O'Sullivan; R—Olivia Crowley (2), Alexia Diaz, Audrey Molin, Cooper Govoni-Raich, Anna Moore. **Saves:** S—Alayna Willette, 6; R—Mandi Rivard, 11. Rec.: **S**—4-3; **R**—1-7.
FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 7, SIMSBURY 5
WATERFORD 9, MORGAN 7
VALLEY REGIONAL 21, NFA 7
FARMINGTON 11, BACON ACADEMY 9

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-Inter
SOUTH WINDSOR 7, PLATT/MALONEY 0
MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE
ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BASEBALL

CCC-North: New Britain at Windsor; Rocky Hill at Bloomfield co-op; Newington at Hartford Public/HMTCA
CCC-South: Middletown at Berlin; Lewis Mills at Plainville; Maloney at Bristol Central; Bristol Eastern at Platt, 4:30p.m.
CCC-East: Enfield at East Catholic; E.O. Smith at Manchester; RHAM at South Windsor; Tolland at East Hartford
CCC-West: Northwest Catholic at Avon; Southington at Farmington; Conard at Glastonbury, 5p.m.; Hall at Simsbury, 5:30p.m.
NCCC: Suffield at SMSA, 4p.m.; Bolton at East Granby, 4p.m.; Stafford at Windsor Locks, 4p.m.
Shoreline: Old Lyme at East Hampton, 4p.m.; Coginchau at Valley Regional, 4p.m.; Old Saybrook at Haddam-Killingworth, 4p.m.; Morgan at Portland, 5p.m.
CTC: Prince Tech at Bullard-Havens; Windham Tech at Vinal Tech; Wolcott Tech at Wilcox Tech
CRAL: MLC at Capital Prep, 3:30p.m.; Parish Hill at Innovation, 3:30p.m.; University/Classical at Weaver
SCC: Xavier at Law; Sheehan at North Haven, 7p.m.
NVL: St. Paul at Derby, 5:30p.m.
Others: Rockville at Cheney Tech; Civic Leadership at East Windsor; North Branford at Lyman Hall; Holy Cross at Cheshire, 4p.m.; Somers at Hale-Ray, 4p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-North: Windsor at New Britain; Newington at Hartford Public, 4:15p.m.; Bloomfield at Rocky Hill, 4:30p.m.
CCC-South: Plainville at Lewis Mills; Berlin at Middletown; Platt at Bristol Eastern; Maloney at Bristol Central
CCC-East: East Catholic at Enfield; South Windsor at RHAM; East Hartford at Tolland; Manchester at E.O. Smith
CCC-West: Glastonbury at Conard; Simsbury at Hall; Avon at Northwest Catholic; Farmington at Southington, 4:45p.m.
NCCC: East Windsor/SMSA at Somers, 4p.m.; Canton at Windsor Locks, 4p.m.
Shoreline: Hale-Ray at Cromwell, 4 p.m.; Valley Regional at Coginchau, 4p.m.; Westbrook/Portland at North Branford, 4p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Old Saybrook, 4p.m.; East Hampton at Old Lyme, 4p.m.
CTC: Wilcox Tech at Wolcott Tech; Vinal Tech at Windham Prep
CRAL: MLC at Capital Prep, 3:30p.m.; Parish Hill at Innovation, 3:30p.m.; Prince Tech at Bullard-Havens, 4p.m.; University/Classical at Weaver, 4p.m.
SCC: Hand at Wilbur Cross; Career at Sheehan; Lauralton Hall at Lyman Hall
ECC: Windham at New London, 4p.m.
NVL: Derby at St. Paul, 4p.m.

Others: Goodwin Tech at Civic Leadership/Aerospace, 3:30p.m.; Bulkeley at East Granby, 4p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-South: Maloney/Platt at Lewis Mills, 4p.m.; Middletown at Tolland, 4 p.m.; Bristol co-op at Wethersfield, 5:15 p.m.; Enfield at Windsor, 7p.m.
CCC-Inter: Simsbury at Northwest Catholic; Hall at Newington; Southington at Rocky Hill, 4:30p.m.; Farmington at Glastonbury, 5p.m.; East Catholic at Berlin, 6p.m.
NCCC: Granby at Canton
NVL: Watertown at St. Paul, 6p.m.
Others: E.O. Smith at Vinal Tech/Goodwin Tech; Xavier at Conard, 4p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North: Avon at Hall, 4p.m.
CCC-Central: Rocky Hill at Windsor, 4p.m.
CCC-South: Middletown at Lewis Mills, 4p.m.; Bristol Eastern at Bristol Central, 6:30p.m.
SCC: Mercy at West Haven, 5p.m.
Others: St. Paul at Ellington, 4:45p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-West: Lewis Mills at Newington, 5 p.m.; Southington at Maloney, 6p.m.
CCC-Inter: Enfield at Farmington, 5 p.m.; East Hartford at Simsbury, 5p.m.; Hall at Wethersfield, 6p.m.; New Britain at South Windsor, 6p.m.
SCC: Xavier at Shelton, 5:30p.m.
Others: Glastonbury at Rockville, 5 p.m.; Wolcott Tech at Conard, 5p.m.; NFA at Hand, 5:30p.m.; Oxford at Cheshire, 6:15p.m.

BOYS GOLF

CCC-South: Middletown at Bristol Central, 3p.m.; Platt at Bristol Eastern
CCC-East: RHAM at Tolland, 3p.m.
NCCC: Suffield at Bolton, 2:30p.m.; Granby at Somers, 3p.m.; Ellington at SMSA/HMTCA, 3p.m.; Stafford at Canton, 3p.m.
Shoreline: Hale-Ray at Haddam-Killingworth, 3p.m.; Cromwell at North Branford, 3p.m.
CTC: Vinal Tech, Ellis Tech at Goodwin Tech, 2p.m.
SCC: Notre Dame-West Haven at Xavier, 2:30p.m.; Hand at Hamden, 2:30 p.m.; Foran at Lyman Hall, 2:45p.m.; Cheshire at Sheehan, 2:45p.m.
NVL: St. Paul at Wolcott, 2:30p.m.
Others: O'Brien Tech at University, 2 p.m.; Wilcox Tech, Hillhouse at East Haven, 2:45p.m.; East Granby at Manchester, 2:45p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-West: Northwest Catholic at Simsbury, 3p.m.; Conard at Avon, 3 p.m.; Hall at Farmington, 3p.m.
CCC-Inter: Newington at Glastonbury, 3p.m.; East Hartford at Lewis Mills, 3 p.m.; South Windsor at New Britain, 3p.m.
SCC: Amity at Hand, 2:30p.m.; Mercy at Cheshire, 3p.m.
Others: Granby at East Catholic, 3p.m.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-North: New Britain at Bloomfield
CCC-East: East Catholic at Manchester
SCC: Shelton at Hand; Sheehan, SHA at Mercy

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-North: New Britain at Bloomfield
CCC-East: East Catholic at Manchester
SCC: Shelton at Hand; Sheehan, SHA at Mercy
CCC-West: Northwest Catholic at Simsbury
CCC-Inter: New Britain at Manchester; Hall at Wethersfield; Tolland at Lewis Mills; Glastonbury at East Catholic; Berlin at Farmington; Bulkeley/HMTCA at Plainville; Platt/Maloney at Enfield co-op; Southington at East Hartford; Bristol Eastern at South Windsor, 4:30 p.m.; Conard at Bristol Central, 5p.m.
NCCC: Rockville at Suffield

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Albany at Hartford, noon
Yale at Columbia, noon
Quinnipiac at Iona, noon
Villanova at UConn, 1p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at Central, 1p.m.
Wheaton at Trinity, 1p.m.
Sacred Heart at Bryant, 1p.m.
St. Peter's at Fairfield, 1p.m.

SOFTBALL

Niagara at Fairfield (2), 11a.m.
UConn at Seton Hall, noon
Hartford at Stony Brook, noon
Norwich at St. Joseph (2), noon
Siena at Quinnipiac (2), noon
Wagner at Sacred Heart, noon
Cornell at Yale, 12:30p.m.
LIU at Central, 1p.m.
Hamilton at Wesleyan (2), 1p.m.

LACROSSE

Albany at Yale, noon
Wesleyan at Williams, 2p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Williams at Trinity, 2p.m.
Wesleyan at Colby, 2p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Williams at Trinity, 10a.m.				
Wesleyan at Colby, 10a.m.				
Big East baseball standings				
Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
Creighton	8-0	1,000	23-10	.697
Uconn	7-1	.875	31-8	.795
Xavier	4-4	.500	20-20	.500
Georgetown	5-6	.455	23-16	.590
Villanova	5-6	.455	15-19-1	.443
Butler	2-6	.250	18-22	.450
St. John's	2-6	.250	15-24	.385
Seton Hall	2-6	.250	10-28	.263

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS

UConn 4, Villanova 1
ST. JOHN'S 8, BUTLER 1
XAVIER 4, GEORGETOWN 1
CREIGHTON 8, SETON HALL 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

VILLANOVA 4, UCONN 1
ST. JOHN'S 8, BUTLER 7 (10)
CREIGHTON 14, SETON HALL 1
GEORGETOWN 6, XAVIER 4

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Villanova at UConn, 1p.m.
Seton Hall at Creighton, 1p.m.
Butler at St. John's, 1p.m.
Xavier at Georgetown, 4p.m.

Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
Uconn	17-3	.850	31-14	.689
Villanova	12-4	.750	25-19	.568
Butler	11-5	.688	25-14	.641
DePaul	11-6	.647	23-19	.548
Providence	9-8	.529	23-16	.590
Seton Hall	6-11	.353	17-19	.472
Creighton	4-14	.222	14-23	.378
St. John's	4-14	.222	10-31	.244
Georgetown	3-12	.200	13-24	.351

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS

UConn 6, Seton Hall 1
BUTLER 2, CREIGHTON 1
VILLANOVA 5, PROVIDENCE 0

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

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While traditionally a formal setting, mirrored seating encourages conversation and is also just a beautiful way to arrange a room while offering lots of seating options. COURTESY PHOTOS

Redecorate in Regency

You can bring the design style of the Netflix series ‘Bridgerton’ into your own living space

By Katie Laughridge
Tribune News Service

Dearest gentle readers,
It is often said that those who binge delightfully decorated period dramas on Netflix must then obsess over the regency style of design for quite some time. This sentiment is clearly one I hold dear to my heart as I have been searching for not one, not two, but three weeks for the perfect touches to add old world elegance to my spaces. As the end of my season viewing draws near, I believe it is my responsibility to keep you informed so we might bring a bit of “Bridgerton” into the ton before polite society makes their pilgrimage to the country.
Yours truly,
Lady Laughridge

The Regency era is a period of British history defined by wealth and sophistication and known for its elegance and opulence. Amid an artistic renaissance occurring in the upper echelons, color and detail were coveted in the most distinguished of interiors. The aesthetic is a bit reminiscent of the current grandmillennial trend, if not a bit more refined. This style requires varying degrees of prestige, pattern and glamour to get the recipe just right.
Regency style has many of my favorite things: windows dressed to the nines, luxurious, petite upholstery and delicate, finely carved wooden furniture. It is over-the-top elegance that speaks to the grandmillennial in all of us. This is a perfect style to slowly introduce into a traditional or transitional home aesthetic, as it too is a mix of old and new elements and creates a blend that fits quite nicely with those styles.
This style is also known for its mixing of light and dark furnishings. Try adding light furniture to your dark walls and flooring, or vice versa, for a regal contrast that makes your room pop.
This era in British history was all about designing to entertain visitors; therefore many Regency living spaces



Don't skimp on the trims and tassels or other small details. There is no such thing as over the top with this aesthetic.
observe the design principle of symmetry. Mirrored seating in your room encourages conversation and quite frankly, it's a beautiful way to arrange a room while offering lots of seating options. One fantastic way to replicate this in your own home is to position two sofas (or four chairs) facing each other with a coffee table or ottoman in between. I have done this in my own home and never looked back!
If you have lots of space to fill, consider creating a number of seating and conversation areas within a single space — it's an art, but it can be done. Or, if you don't have much space for furniture, another option is to carve out a separate sitting area just off your main living room to serve as an intimate spot for conversation.
More is more when it comes to Regency style. That means ornate patterns, daring draperies and fancy framing are all encouraged. Pillows, side tables, stools, chandeliers and mirrors add glamour and range to your rooms, especially when they are accessorized with carved details, metallic finishes and other classic motifs.
Add in textiles that look and feel expensive, such as velvet, silk or combed cotton, when it comes to your furniture, window treatments and other upholstered elements. Don't skimp on the trims, tassels or any other small details.



Pillows, side tables, stools, chandeliers and mirrors add glamour and range to your rooms, especially when paired with carved details, metallic finishes and other classic motifs.



An oversized throw and textured pillows help to elevate this master bedroom. SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS

10 tips for adding texture, textiles to your decor

Pillows and throws
infuse finishing touch

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

Texture and tactile materials can help infuse an often ignored sensory element: touch.
How often have you enjoyed how something felt, perhaps a furry pillow, textured throw or area rug?
Regardless, the decor element of incorporating

texture into your space can help elevate your home and please the senses.
Looking for ways to infuse texture into your home?
Here are some decor inspiration ideas.
■ Use toss pillows as an opportunity to bring in texture. Materials such as velvet and even some cottons are good places to start.
■ Throws, throws, throws. Throws are portable, come in various colors

and materials and can be a wonderful way to infuse texture.
■ Consider faux fur. Faux fur remains a popular way to bring texture into a space.
■ Wall art can be the ideal way to incorporate texture in an innovative way.
■ Textured, shag and raised area rugs can help bring in an instant textured element.
■ Textiles that can include bedding and drapery can provide a finishing touch to

a space.
■ Consider upholstery as opportunities to infuse texture.
■ Small furniture elements such as ottomans and footstools can be used as opportunities to infuse texture.
■ Consider wood and organic elements in areas where you wish to incorporate texture.
■ Greenery. From flowers to plants, greenery helps add a textured element to nearly any space.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

If you’re ready to buy, today is the right time

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My mom gave me a copy of Ilyce’s book “100 Questions Every First-Time Home Buyer Should Ask” for Christmas, back in 2019. My husband and I have been looking for our first home for about five years now. I’ve been to almost every open house and have actually seen houses come back on the market in this time. We have put offers in, but feel consumed by the constantly inflating market and can never accrue enough cash while renting (Boston area, so it’s expensive) to feel secure. Is there any advice you could give us about the current market? We have agreed we don’t want to overpay, buy above an assessed value, or get emotionally involved in bidding wars (like we have in the past). Our preapproval expires again soon. Should we wait?

A: Five years of looking! Wow. We wonder what you’re waiting for. Five years ago, prices in the Boston area were far below where they are now, and interest rates were lower. Your dollar would have had far greater buying power than it does today.

Most of the country is experiencing soaring home values, and we get it. Combined with rising interest rates (as of this writing, interest rates for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage are up more than 1% from a year ago), it’s scary. It might feel as though every week your dollar buys less.

We suspect the answer to why you’ve been sitting on the fence for five years, though, is more psychological. It’s hard to commit to buying a home if you believe something better is just around the corner:



Rents are rising right alongside interest rates and home prices, so take the leap if you can. DREAMSTIME

a better house, on a better lot, with better finishes, in a better neighborhood, with better schools. “Something better” is a mindset that befuddles many first-time buyers.

If it isn’t waiting for “something better,” you might be worrying about whether you’re overpaying, no matter what price you wind up paying. That can stymie your home shopping efforts and create a lose-lose scenario where you regret winning the bid (because you’re worried you overpaid) and you regret losing the house (because you’ve missed out on another opportunity to be a homeowner).

By the way, we understand what it’s like to feel as though prices are escalat-

ing beyond reach. According to Redfin, home prices reached new highs in the four-week period ending March 20, as fewer homeowners listed their homes for sale. The study found median home sale prices rose 17% year-over-year, the number of active listings on the market fell to an all-time low, and half of homes sold for above list price.

First-time buyers everywhere are feeling the pinch with more pain to come. In the 2022 National Association of Realtors Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends report, first-time buyers made up 34% of all home buyers. In February, first-time buyers accounted for 29% of home sales, near 2014 levels,

according to the Realtors Confidence Index. With interest rates rising along with home prices, it’s going to be even tougher for first-time buyers to afford a home.

Which brings us back to what you should be doing. In general, we think the best time to buy a home is when you can afford to live in your neighborhood(s) of choice, even if you buy a smaller home on a smaller lot. Can you afford to buy something, somewhere? Surely in five years your income has risen, even if it hasn’t kept pace with home value increases.

We’ve long said that if you’re really ready to buy, today is the right time. If you can buy something you’ll be happy with, then

you should buy. Don’t fool yourself into thinking that if you aren’t buying your “forever” home, it isn’t worth getting in the game. It is. But you may have to settle for a smaller home with fewer amenities right now. On the other hand, you’ll be building equity with each payment and hopefully will find a place you can stay for at least five to seven years.

Most first-time buyers who get stuck eventually get up the nerve to make a winning offer after they’ve missed out on a few homes. That hasn’t happened to you, but don’t let fear rule the day. If you pay \$24,000 per year to rent, that’s money that could be spent on a mortgage, with a portion of each payment

going to pay down your loan balance.

Consider this: Unless you’re living with your parents, the cost of renting is also skyrocketing. Redfin notes that asking rents increased an average of 15% year-over-year, rising some 40% in Austin, Texas.

So, unless you plan to move from a high cost neighborhood to a lower cost one, consider buying, especially if the cost of ownership is less than what you pay in rent. Do the number, take a deep breath, and call your agent.

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Advance preparation for a move can make the entire process much easier. DREAMSTIME

HOME REMEDIES

How to plan for your move

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

Let’s face it, nobody looks forward to packing up and moving to a new place. But moving doesn’t have to be a drag — it can be easier than you think and, dare we say it, kind of fun.

A professional mover can carry you through the hard part while you focus on the challenges and opportunities of your new home.

Pros have the expertise to get the job done quickly and safely. Like any other big job, you can select a lower difficulty level on the moving game by hiring pros and taking these steps.

Here are a few key things to look for when finding your mover match. ■ Check their credentials. Moving across state lines? Make sure your mover has U.S. Department of Transportation registration. You can verify their registration (along with their complaint history) at protectyourmove.gov. ■ Get all the details. Ask for a detailed price listing, known as a tariff. This will help avoid any hidden fees,

such as going up stairs or moving particularly heavy items. It also helps both sides understand the scope of the job.

■ Have as much information as possible. Most movers will run through a checklist when you contact them. The more information you have available about things like square footage and particularly hefty items such as pianos, the more accurate their quote will be.

■ Don’t pay a big deposit. In most cases, you pay the bulk of the bill on the day of delivery. Companies will often ask for a deposit when you hire them, but it should generally fall below \$500.

The following steps can take a lot of pressure off your move.

■ Reserve well in advance. If you plan to move on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, make your reservation at least a month ahead of time.

■ Cover the floors. Your home will experience a lot of foot traffic and heavy hauling in a short time. Use moving blankets, plastic film carpet protectors, or even flattened cardboard boxes to protect the floor.

■ Protect walls and frames. Similarly, a momentary mistake can put a dent or even holes in the walls. Pad the covers or edges of your furniture, and use doormats, rugs or floor pads to protect hardwood.

■ Catalog trouble spots. Narrow hallways, small streets, strangely shaped corners and stairs (especially those that turn) all make a move more difficult and can increase the cost. Let your mover know about them early to avoid surprises for either of you.

■ Inventory everything. As you pack, keep a list of all items. It may seem easy to remember at first, but the average house has quite a lot stuffed in there. A checklist will help you account for everything at the beginning and end of the move.

■ Get it in writing. In addition to the written estimate, be sure that any changes which affect cost are in writing.

■ Inspect quickly. You have a certain amount of time to claim things that may have been damaged during moves. Check your belongings and file sooner rather than later.

TREASURES

Rare vase is highly desirable

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: This vase came from my husband’s great aunt and is about 12 inches tall. It was originally in her home near Detroit. We really do not know much about it. Any information would be appreciated.

A: Some questions appear to be easy at first glance. In this case, we knew who made the piece instantly upon seeing a picture of the vase. The signature confirmed our conclusion. But then we began our research and things became a bit less clear.

The green sprawl across the bottom is the signature of English potter William Moorcroft (1872-1945), who was an art school graduate and son of a professional china painter. In 1897, Moorcroft went to work as a designer for the James Macintyre and Company pottery in Burslem, Staffordshire.

Within a year, Moorcroft was heading Macintyre’s art pottery studio and developing lines in the art nouveau taste that were often decorated with specially colored glazes and raised slip (liquid clay piped through a tube) designs. Moorcroft developed his famous “Floriant” line, which was entirely hand-decorated. His work won a gold medal at the 1904 St. Louis World’s Fair.

Much of Moorcroft’s work at Macintyre’s was sold in London at the famous department store Liberty & Co., and in New York at Tiffany’s. Moorcroft’s work was soon overshadowing the other products of Macintyre and Company, and his art pottery studio at that company was closed in 1912.

With financial backing from Liberty & Co., Moor-



This vase is rare with significant value. COURTESY

croft established his own art pottery at Cobridge in 1913 with many of the workers former Macintyre employees. Moorcroft’s son Walter took over the Moorcroft pottery when William Moorcroft died in 1945. The company is still in business in its original location.

Around the turn of the 20th century, Moorcroft developed a line of pottery called “Hazeldene,” which generally featured slip outlined trees in a landscape rendered in various shades of blue and green against a cream background. There can be variations in this color scheme (including some done in shades of red), but the vase in today’s question is a typically colored example. And at 12 inches tall and 4 inches across the base is a large and highly desirable piece.

Some pieces of Moorcroft’s Hazeldene were dated, and some had a “Made for Liberty & Co.”

stamp on the bottom, but D.C.’s piece appears to be lacking both marks. The signature is “W. Moorcroft des.” We believe the “des” stands for “designer” or “dessinateur,” and the “Rd No 3979664” is the English registration number or patent for the design itself.

We believe the vase is circa 1905 and at auction would sell in the \$3,500 to \$4,500 range. Its insurance replacement value would be in the \$6,000 range.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you’d like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you’d like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 119 Bayberry Road, Manchester (model home)

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Bayberry Crossing Offers Custom Homes to Match Individual Lifestyles

By Karen A. Avitabile

Situated in a countryside setting amid gorgeous views, custom-built homes are under construction in Manchester by Boynton Construction Inc., a family owned and operated company based in Vernon.

"It's a quiet, beautiful, serene setting," Vice President Jonathan Boynton says of the development, called Bayberry Crossing. The area, which is private and set back from the road, was farmland at one time.

"The minute we walked the property, we knew it was a site to build homes," Jonathan Boynton adds. The Hartford skyline and Mount Tom (in western Massachusetts) are visible from Bayberry Crossing. "The views are exceptional."



When complete, Bayberry Crossing will consist of 44 single-family home sites located on 30 acres, including some 10 acres remaining in its undisturbed natural state. The development consists of Bayberry Road and Wilson Way, with a new a cul-de-sac, Mason Circle, in the center.

Boynton Construction Inc. is offering Bayberry Crossing buyers the choice of six traditional cape, colonial or ranch styles, ranging from 2,000 to 2,600 square feet. The six-to-eight-room homes offer three or four bedrooms, two or two-and-a-half bathrooms and first- or second-floor primary suites. Five sites remain in phase one, made up of 18 homes.



All of the spacious home styles offer open space concepts and striking architectural accents that so many buyers are looking for in today's market. The homes showcase many high-end amenities including hardwood floors, nine-foot ceilings, granite countertops, five-inch baseboards, custom trim details, lots of windows, gas fireplaces, enormous hallways, walk-in closets, primary bathrooms with double sinks, laundry rooms, large basements, two-car garages with partial window garage doors and composite decks or concrete paver patios.

The kitchens feature all stainless appliances, gas stoves, separate spaces for trash and recyclables, dropdown areas for sponges, some pullout drawers for storing Dutch ovens, different colors of cabinets with a soft close and decorative trim, lazy Susans, walk-in pantries with frosted glass doors and large islands with pendant lights, lots of storage and seating for four.

The primary suites have a walk-in closet. The additional bedrooms provide lots of storage through their single or double closets. All bedrooms feature wall-to-wall carpeting. The home's full bathroom has a shower-tub



combination, a linen closet, a tile floor and granite or quartz countertops.

With Boynton Construction Inc., home buyers are able to customize their home so it reflects their personality and preferences. There is also the option of upgrades. "We are open to working with our customers to customize their design and their home plans," Jonathan Boynton says.

Because of the composite decks and vinyl siding and railings, Bayberry Crossing homes afford low maintenance on the exterior. High-efficiency gas furnaces and hot water heaters, energy-efficient insulation and multi-zone heating and cooling systems (in the two-level home styles) help to offset energy costs. A humidification system is standard on all furnaces.



"Our customers comment that their energy bills are cheaper," Jonathan Boynton says. He adds his customers like that natural gas, and public water and sewer, are standard in all homes.

To see a sample of the homes being built in Bayberry Crossing, potential home buyers can walk through a 2,280-square-foot model home at 119 Bayberry Road by appointment. Built in the Sterling design, this home offers three bedrooms and two-and-a-half bathrooms. The main floor combines the kitchen, the dining room and the great room, adorned by a fireplace and mantel. Doors from the great room open onto the deck.

Also on the main level of the model home is a laundry room, a space which can be used as a den or as an office, a powder room and a primary suite. In the kitchen, the countertops are a blend of light gray tones offset by white cabinets and a two-tone light-gray island. Upstairs, you will find two spacious bedrooms and a full bathroom.



Upgrades in the model home include a tile shower with a glass door in the primary suite, a bump-out area in the garage, sidelights from the front door, hardwood stairs to the second level and a walkout basement. The great room has two upgraded design elements – a lighted tray ceiling and a transom window.

A lot of people like the model home, Jonathan Boynton says, adding it is the "best new construction homes they've seen."

Kristyn Boynton Congelos, who oversees sales and selections for the company, says the choice of building styles offered through Bayberry Crossing is a plus in today's new construction market. "You can't find these floor plans in the market," she adds. "It is not easy to find these."



Boynton Construction Inc. was founded in the mid-1980s by its president, Kenneth Boynton, who remains an integral part of the company today. He is also past president and a life member of the Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Central Connecticut and serves on home builder associations on the state and national levels.

Specializing in residential development, custom homes, active adult communities and condominiums, Boynton Construction Inc. has created several communities including Highland Ridge in Manchester, Stagecoach Farms in Durham, and Ogden Brook Estates, Woodland Place and Sterling Pointe, all in Vernon. In addition, the company participates in numerous light-commercial construction projects ranging from interior fit-out jobs to medical office buildings.

Jonathan Boynton says the company has established a reputation in the industry as a quality builder and developer. "We stand behind our work to deliver a customized home to meet and exceed the customer's expectations," he adds.

Despite supply-chain challenges resulting from the coronavirus, the Boyntons say their average home can be built within six months. They point to their reputation, long-standing relationship with suppliers and ability to plan ahead as main reasons for receiving materials on time.

"We have done an excellent job of delivering homes as close as possible to their scheduled date," Jonathan Boynton adds.

Close to shopping, restaurants, entertainment and recreation, Bayberry Crossing is attracting lots of interested homeowners from around Connecticut, especially from the Glastonbury, Manchester, Newington and Vernon areas.

An open house at 119 Bayberry Road, which serves at the development's sales center, is scheduled for April 24th, 1 to 3 p.m. Additional walk-throughs can be scheduled by calling Congelos, (860) 798-2103.

"Buyers here are happy with their homes," Congelos says. "You get to know people as a family. We built a close relationship with them because we work with them."

Karen A. Avitabile is a freelance writer based in Plantsville.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

119 Bayberry Road, Manchester (model home)

- Built:** New construction in three phases
- Price:** Starting in the low \$500,000
- Style:** Cape, colonial and ranch designs
- Rooms:** 6-8
- Bedrooms:** 3-4
- Baths:** 2 or 2.5
- Square footage:** Ranging from 2,000-2,600
- Acreage:** A community of 44 single-family homes; each one sits on an average of one-third to two-thirds of an acre
- Mill rate:** 36.52
- Best feature:** All homes are customized to suit the owner's personal preference and vision
- Contact:** Kristyn Boynton Congelos, (860) 798-2103, kristyn@boyntonct.com, www.boyntonct.com. An open house is set for April 24th, 1 to 3 p.m., in the model home.

WEST HARTFORD

This charming Colonial with complete modern upgrades will draw you in from the street with a covered front porch, on-trend lighting, and energy efficient front door. Home has great flow with a light-filled family room off of the kitchen featuring a sliding glass door to a fully-fenced yard with wooded privacy. Modern, fully renovated living for any lifestyle! 61 Craigmoor Rd, West Hartford CT 06107. MLS #170467529. Contact The Diane Barry Team - Diane Barry 860.614.1569 | dbarry@williampitt.com & Caitlyn Cleary 860.798.1589 | ccleary@williampitt.com. \$495,000.



WEST HARTFORD

Stylishly updated & well maintained Colonial in walking distance to West Hartford Center. The light filled main floor flows easily for gracious entertaining and is enhanced with hardwood floors throughout. The remodeled kitchen opens to the living room and family room and features granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, gas range and a charming dining area with corner cabinet. Easy access to the deck from the kitchen and family room to enjoy your morning coffee while listening to the sounds of nature. 45 Westbrook Rd, West Hartford CT 06107. MLS #170481414. Contact The Diane Barry Team - Diane Barry 860.614.1569 | dbarry@williampitt.com & Caitlyn Cleary 860.798.1589 | ccleary@williampitt.com. \$450,000



REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA

1 Glenridge Dr, Evans Joanne Est and Evans, Robert C to Coppola, Rebecca and Mondezio, Alba L, 4/1, \$325,000
10 Bassett St, Ayr Properties Sep LLC to Reyes, Noemi, 4/4, \$295,000
17 Eagle St, Allen, Heidi I to Gavilan, Jacob R, 4/5, \$285,000
26 Grove St, Berrios, Oscaima to Goeller, Michael J, 4/7, \$205,000
28 Lawton Ter, Kirillichin, Victor and Kirillichin, Ramona A to 28 Lawton Terrace LLC, 4/6, \$27,500
52 Platt St, Ashe, Shirley R to Civitella, Pasquale J, 4/5, \$190,000
86 Cottage Ave, Wojciechowski Paul Est and Wojciechowski Jr, Paul to Eickmeyer, Robert, 4/6, \$420,000
152 Beaver St, Isaku, Ermina and Isaku, Thoma to Cota, Xhensila, 4/5, \$214,000
209 Pershing Dr, Delmastro, Judith L to 690 New Haven Avenue LLC, 4/8, \$425,000

ASHFORD

25 Lead Mine Rd, Leduc, Cheryl D and Leblanc, Cheryl to Lacroix, Joshua and Robbie, Danielle, 4/6, \$220,000
89 Hnath Rd, Beebe, Mauren E to Squires, David, 4/4, \$370,000

AVON

4 Farm Woods, Starr, Peter D and Starr, Jennifer L to Sullivan, Jack B, 4/8, \$190,000
8 Alpine Meadow Ln Lot 8, Walden, Robin A to Gutstein, Howard B, 4/6, \$490,000
26 Coppelstone Rd, Andrews, Jason and Andrews, Sarah to Caudill, Russell C and Caudill, Simone C, 4/5, \$570,000
29 Heritage Dr Lot 29, Feingold, Daniel J to Watson, Jessica M, 4/4, \$195,000
29 Heritage Dr Lot 29, Feingold, Daniel J to Watson, Jessica M, 4/4, \$195,000
35 Burnham Rd, Ruth F Nelson T and Johnson, D Austin to Fowler, Susan A, 4/4, \$310,000
40 Hemlock Ln, Block, Robert L to Burson, James and Burson, Alice, 4/6, \$480,000
43 Oak Ridge Dr, Rubinfeld, Sarah to Rossetti Development LLC, 4/8, \$200,000
50 Woodhaven Dr, Wolfberg, Jennifer N to Schuch, Brendan and Schuch, Victoria, 4/7, \$464,175
95 Moravia Rd, Case, Denise O to Obrizzo, Amanda, 4/4, \$212,000
219 Arch Rd, Deconti, Brian to Uditi, Chitreaka, 4/6, \$425,000

BARKHAMSTED

64 Gavitt Rd, Childress, Erin and Curry, Julia C to Swingle 2nd, William C and Swingle, Hilary N, 4/6, \$650,000
69 Pleasant Valley Rd, Rock Tree 2 LLC to Mano Properties LLC, 4/5, \$222,000

BEACON FALLS

3 White Birch Ln, Zullo, Joseph T and Zullo, Theresa M to Lally, Jonathan and Yangis, Jessica, 4/6, \$365,000
103 Pondview Cir Lot 103, Langley 3rd, George J to Halapin, Bernard and Grudetski, Donna K, 4/6, \$345,000
374 Burton Rd, Decampes, Anthony and Decampes, Martie L to McIntyre, Dylan and Childress, Ariana, 4/4, \$355,000

BERLIN

86 Madison Dr, Ritchie, Keith R to Lathrop, Michael S and Procko, Haley L, 4/4, \$240,000
92 S Ridge Ln Lot C203, Kulesza, Robert H and Manchesi, Cynthia J to Pieoxotto, Aaron M, 4/7, \$292,000
124 White Oak Dr, JRG Berlin LLC to Oak Omega LLC, 4/8, \$1,395,000
150 Crater Ln, Gilbertto, Michael S to Carlos, Tyler and McIntosh, Kylee, 4/6, \$379,900
168 Scarborough Fare Lot 168, John&C Chiarizio RET and Chiarizio, John to Papa, Susan, 4/8, \$390,000
204 Hudson St, Proccaccini, Christopher to Chin, Wendy, 4/5, \$349,000
364 Alling St, Davis, Bernadette to Ferreira, Michael and Ferreira, Cindy S, 4/4, \$218,000
529 4 Rod Rd, Vujs, Barbara M to Butt, Suleman S, 4/6, \$398,000
555 Wethersfield Rd, TZ Real Estate LLC to 555 Wethersfield Rd LLC, 4/8, \$1,000,000

BETHANY

55 Carrington Rd, Sardi, Stephen G and Sardi, Dawn M to Baklik, Maria and Baklik, David J, 4/8, \$590,000
57 Lacey Rd, Beckwith, Tracy to Nordby, Thomas and Nordby, Patricia, 4/7, \$475,000

BETHEL

2 Penny Ln Lot 2, Nimbala, Kalyan and Neelakantam, Praveena to Walsh, Kyle C and Walsh, Michele L, 4/6, \$605,000
5 Hearthstone Dr, Munroe, Katherine L and Ballas Jr, Andrew G to Kubusova, Daniela and Rynik, Michal, 4/4, \$495,000
5 Laura Ln Lot 5, Dema, Edvin to Mcmahon, Carissa, 4/4, \$285,000
7 Budd Dr, Neylon Jr, Thomas R to Breen, Casey G, 4/8, \$407,500
9 Cross Hill Rd, Rizzo, Anthony and Rizzo, Andrea to Grieco, Beth A and Grieco, Derek M, 4/6, \$540,000
10 Barnum Ct Lot 10, Hughes, Dylan and Hughes, Josselyne D to Chen, Yitan, 4/5, \$405,000
34 Great Hill Dr Lot 34, Marona, Robert S and Marona, Mariann to Charash, Joan and Charash, David, 4/5, \$740,000

BETHLEHEM

184 Todd Hill Rd, Windhorse Intl LLC to Health Real Holdings LLC, 4/5, \$1,400,000

BLOOMFIELD

6 Brentwood Dr, Redekas Properties LLC to Haddock 3rd, Richard, 4/7, \$280,000
6 Linwood Dr, Clarke, Venniel T and Clarke, Eulando to Shaw, Stacyann, 4/7, \$295,900
9 Sandra Dr, Johnson Karen E Est and Johnson, Khai S to Colon, Miguel, 4/1, \$175,000
72 Silo Way Lot 72, Donafiori, Dianne to Johnson, Blake, 4/4, \$192,400

BOLTON

1 Tolland Rd, Blazawski, Philip M to Viklinetz, Matthew J and Viklinetz, Karen P, 4/4, \$160,000
11 Mount Sumner Dr, Boisoneau, Gil D and Boisoneau, Susan to Buonomano, Robert A, 4/5, \$455,000
17 Carpenter Rd, Burchfield, Joseph B and Burchfield, Shirley R to Ather, Ray and Mousseau-Ather, Mary L, 4/4, \$260,000

BRAFORD

4 Ash Rd, Spear, Cynthia A and Spear, Brian K to Marcus, Jill L, 4/5, \$460,000
9 Marion Rd, Johnson, Carly A and Johnson, Michael A to Kuric, Amer, 4/6, \$375,000
27 Cherry St, Dzaferovic, Safet to Beyond Home Solutions LLC, 4/5, \$420,000
28 Stratton Way Lot 28, Marcus Mana B Est and Ellis, Theodore F to Hucul, Frank and Hucul, Bettyann, 4/8, \$260,000
39 Montoya Dr Lot 39, Encalada, Edgar to Kwiatkowski, James, 4/4, \$213,000
41 Hillside Ave, Ellis, David to Dendas 3rd, John and Smith, Victoria, 4/6, \$325,000
100 Stony Creek Rd, Marcus, Edward L to Tocino, Irena, 4/4, \$1,375,000
128 Monticello Dr Lot 128, Hussey, Zenobia and Poole, Angelique to Wnek, Lauren, 4/8, \$218,000
132 Linewood Ave, Reilly, Drew S to Baldassarri, Baldassarre and Baldassarri, Karina A, 4/5, \$485,000
188 Mcadow St, Ahearn, Sean to Yasevac, Geoffrey, 4/4, \$275,000
211 E Main St Lot 65, Lessner Sandra E Est and Hus, Jeremy to Felix, Sheila, 4/7, \$175,000
363 Walden Green Rd Lot 363, Crockford, Donald S and Crockford, Susan E to Giordano, Pamela, 4/7, \$114,750
420 E Main St Lot 2, Captiva LLC to Delcavo, Eric, 4/4, \$153,000
422 Thoreau St Lot 422, Chowdhury, Golam and Siddiqui, Prajna to Burton, Richard, 4/8, \$265,000

BRIDGEPORT

Atwater St, Richards, Joyn and Grant, Jermane A to Zelaya, Fany C, 4/5, \$250,000
Cartright Towers Condo Lot PC, Sandoval, Jairo and Fernandes, Valerio to Alalzhar,

Bilal Z, 3/31, \$99,000

Henry St, Oneil, Maria J and Oneill, Daniel P to Toth, Clifford and Payne, Kenneth, 4/5, \$259,000
20 Rowsley St, Weihing Sandra Est and Weihing, Jeffrey to Horn, Ann K, 4/5, \$135,000
25 Broadway, USA HUD to Masis, Mario, 4/4, \$218,100
27 Nash Ln, Black Rock Gdns Coop Inc to Borsics T and Borsics, Brian M, 4/5, \$184,000
29-31 Waldorf Ave, Amarillo, Custer J and Amarillo, Josefina to Tello, Leandro and Soto, Gemma, 4/4, \$320,000
33 Boston Ter Lot 13, Benedetto, Earl B to Xu, Quing, 4/1, \$160,000
45 Bishop Ave, Gitsit Solutions LLC to Namina, Luis E and Alvarez, Carmen, 4/4, \$230,100
62 Rowsley St Lot 5, Shaw, Alessandra L to Gaudette, Claire E and Lopez, Anthony K, 4/4, \$139,900
65 Milne St, Adidja, Ekoko and Adidja, Catherine to Nunez, Francisco C, 4/5, \$226,600
69 Oakwood St, Gutierrez, Francisco J to Dominguez, Beatriz V, 4/4, \$170,000
69 Oakwood St, Gutierrez, Francisco J to Dominguez, Beatriz V, 4/4, \$170,000
72-78 Tom Thumb St, Salomon, Maxene and Salomon, Elide to ABC RE Investors LLC, 3/31, \$315,000
87 Crowther Ave, Guedes, Adriano K to Saddler, Dermaine, 4/8, \$381,000
95 Asylum St, Vazquez, Cynthia to Sandoval, Jario, 3/31, \$95,000
120-122 Milne St, Reyes, Rafael A to BH 770 Batim LLC, 3/31, \$320,000
131 Bear Paw Rd, Portela, Arthur and Valente, Celis to Bailey, Kimberly, 3/31, \$401,000
135 Brooksidge Ave, Newton, Bobby G and Keitt, Jeanette V to Warren, Tamara, 4/8, \$260,000
160-164 Pearl Harbor St, 330 Blake LLC to Lema, Jose R and Pomaquiza, Maria M, 4/5, \$235,000
165-171 Lee Ave, AA Alarcon Prop LLC to 163 Lee LLC, 4/5, \$728,000
170-172 Pearl Harbor St, Reid, Roger to H&H Realty LLC, 4/4, \$240,000
173-175 Morehouse St, Hedgerow Properties LLC to Mainato, Manuel, 4/4, \$335,000
242 Sylvan St, Guery, Phlivia to Castanon, Daniela R and Rodriguez, Ignacio R, 4/4, \$330,000

255 Harlem Ave, Kuczo, Stephen C and Kuczo, Sabine to Alvarez, Wilson and Peguero, Editrutidz, 4/4, \$235,000
277 Willow St, Coco Management Inc to Williams, Sonia E, 4/4, \$250,000
360 Jane St, Lopez, Ernesto A to Premium Realty LLC, 4/4, \$79,000
361-363 Nichols St, Vasquez, Laudelina to Hoda, Zain and Hoda, Mahrkh, 3/31, \$400,000
563 Wayne St, Saavedra, Eric to Ashley, Renee and McDaniel, Ryan J, 4/4, \$415,000
595-597 Huntington Rd, Marques Manuel Est and Marques, Ruth N to Feliz, Juan and Feliz, Manyley B, 4/4, \$415,000
635 Gilman St, Wright, Charles and Wright, Andrea to Maki, Joseph and Maki, Ellen, 4/4, \$650,000
715 Frenchtown Rd Lot 32, Thomas Shay Est and Thomas, Alecia to Watts, Alfred and Watts, Ayvay, 3/31, \$135,000
716-718 Capitol Ave, Ahmed, Khandoker to Araujo, Emily S, 3/31, \$452,000
810 Clark St, Gidarsinghi, Romar and Shelly, Lashey to Mcknight, Akiya and Brown, Lichandrine, 4/1, \$351,000
1159 Howard Ave, Bond, Charles R and Lovar, Marjory M to Cabrera, Silvio G and Sinchi, Christian P, 3/31, \$293,500
1294 Stratford Ave, 1294 Stratford LLC to Stratford 1294 Eom LLC, 4/1, \$1,292,650
1854-1858 Boston Ave, Sandor Concetta I Est and Sandor, James A to Fearon, Mark, 4/1, \$490,000

BRIDGEWATER

41 Deer Pond Woods, Grantor, Schwarzcild to Pinto, Moises and Pinto, Maria L, 4/8, \$510,000
275 Wewaka Brook Rd, Kane, Michael V and Kane, Mara H to Bolender, Lundyn and Reda, Anthony, 4/7, \$725,000
300 Wewaka Brook Rd, Coyle, Richard J and Coyle, Janice L to Cavalier, Ronald J, 4/4, \$507,500
325 New Milford Rd E, Herron, Jamie L and Peragine, Diana A to Baday, Aline and Morales, Rodrigo B, 4/4, \$408,000

BRISTOL

Field Rock Rd Lot 121, Industrial Builders&Realt to Carrier Group Inc, 4/7, \$85,000
Park St, 15 Park Street LLC to Connecticut State Of, 4/4, \$10,350
Spring St Lot 26-230, Jayne Deloureiro RET and Deloureiro, Jayne to Moreno, Karen and Moreno, Juan J, 4/5, \$218,000
Village St Lot 38, Industrial Builders&Realt to Amco Development LLC, 4/6, \$100,000
5 Genovese Dr, Childers, Marcie L to Aguilera, Christian and Lopez, Maria J, 4/4, \$240,000
7 Pardee St Lot 7, Soucy, Blair to Real Pure 4 LLC, 4/7, \$550,000
29 Prospect Pl, Jayne Deloureiro RET and Deloureiro, Jayne to Moreno, Karen and Moreno, Juan J, 4/5, \$218,000
38 Spring St, Jayne Deloureiro RET and Deloureiro, Jayne to Moreno, Karen and Moreno, Juan J, 4/5, \$218,000
41 Summer St, Jones, Jerrico to 41 Summer St LLC, 4/4, \$225,000
49 Spark Ave, Greene, Michael E to Baren, Laura A, 4/6, \$308,000
53 Del Prado Dr, Mellow Nancy Est and Mellow, Tracy D to Hyler, Michael and Hyler, Jenna, 4/8, \$390,000
58 Carpenter Ave, Keylani, Yasmeen to Valincius, John and Rickard, Messina, 4/8, \$281,000
64 Birge Rd, Evon, Sharon L to BRP LLC, 4/5, \$880,000
89 Fair St, Duprey, Carol G to Akeley, Christopher J and Fruchtchenit, Kristen L, 4/8, \$280,000
99 Maple Ave, Fontanella, Sheila E to 99 Maple LLC, 4/7, \$310,000
131 Sycamore St, Dellacalle, Anthony C to Cormier, Kaitlin, 4/5, \$269,900
133 Jacqueline Dr, French, Allison M to Plocher, Jacob and Plocher, Rebecca A, 4/5, \$371,000
155 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 185, Kelley, Caitlin A to Winters, Matthew P, 4/4, \$163,000
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420 Emmett St Lot F, Toscani Peter Eugene Est and Toscani, Michael R to Rakus, Michael A, 4/7, \$100,000
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488 Hart St, Eaton, Samuel B and Eaton, Samantha J to Campbell, Yma and Williams, Yhane, 4/8, \$510,000
503 Emmett St Lot B11, Wolf, Christopher to Wojtak, Artur and Wojtak, Magdalena, 4/6, \$83,750
565 Clark Ave Lot 33, Mchugh, Michael S to Mangini, James V, 4/7, \$155,000
1128 Farmington Ave, Nutmeg Realty Holdings to Sweat Equity 1 LLC, 4/8, \$1,499,000

BROOKFIELD

3 Ashwood Ln, Palumbo, Joseph A and Palumbo, Palmo to Peratka-Mercado, J T and Mercado, Sandy, 4/4, \$665,000
8 Willow Run, Wheelock, Robert A and Wheelock, Mary E to Martinez-Reyes, Diego, 4/5, \$460,000
33 Arapaho Rd, Petriccione, Thomas A and Young, Sara to Braga, Cristiane A and Pacheco-Braga, Elias, 4/6, \$550,000
52 Berkshire Dr, Drenckhahn, Christian J to Keating, Robert and Keating, Regina, 4/7, \$370,000
86 Heatherwood Dr Lot 86, Gianini, Francis D to Goldstein, Ryan, 4/6, \$284,500
304 Federal Rd, Am Agency LLC to Panasharp Properties LLC, 4/5, \$174,000
857-A Federal Rd, Act LOfts Of Brookfield to Federal Rd Apartments LLC, 4/5, \$2,150,000

BURLINGTON

4 Stafford Rd, Knibbs, Edward A to Hearn, Gayla, 4/4, \$135,000
12 Deerfield Tree, Kannan, Suresh and Templeton, Swazanne to Schwartz, Ari D and Schwartz, Julie F, 4/7, \$395,000
27 Bigwood Ln, Liutermoza, Martin L to Smith, Kenneth and Smith, Jennifer K, 4/6, \$390,000
60-D Lyon Rd, Sonstrom, David W to Ganter, Brian and Ganter, Robin, 4/4, \$480,000
86 Pine Hill Rd, Diane Quinta Eitvydas RET and Eitvydas, Diane Q to Connors-Miron, Christina, 4/5, \$320,000
Aspen Hill Dr Lot 10A, Aspen Hill Dev Corp to Vanwarren, Keith and Vanwarren, Jason, 4/5, \$220,395
Aspen Hill Dr Lot 4A, Aspen Hill Dev Corp to Litchfield Hills Partners, 4/5, \$100,355
Aspen Hill Dr Lot 11A, Irom Mark Lee Est and Jacob, Daniel to Litchfield Hills Partners, 4/5, \$227,125
Aspen Hill Dr Lot 9A, Aspen Hill Dev Corp to Vanwarren, Keith and Vanwarren, Jason, 4/5, \$220,395
13 Prospect St, Hafner, Patrick and Mittaud, Lara to Parker, Gloria and Platt, Howard, 4/4, \$179,000
280 Route 63, Becker Deborah C Est and Sanderson, Teeuw H to Sallick, Benjamin G and Giglotti, Britta K, 4/4, \$371,250

CANTERBURY

29 Bingham Rd, Hawkins, Stephen to Breen, Kathleen A, 4/6, \$330,000
52 Campbell Dr, Parker, Lee J to Plympton, Nicholas B to Hesselsweet, Sara and Hesselsweet, Timothy, 4/4/5, \$801,000
24 Cherry St, Langlois, Jeremy E and Langlois, Erica to Reilly, Shauna S, 4/4, \$625,000
29 Oakshade Ave, Bachman Edward C Est and Keane, Susan B to Zazza, Elizabeth, 4/4, \$1,276,000
36 Lake Dr, Marousek, Petr and Marousek, Jillian L to Hung, Jeffrey and Hung, Kristen, 4/4, \$2,251,000
39 Brushy Hill Rd, Childs 3rd, George L and Childs, Christina Z to Lisa Heinz Macpherson T and Macpherson, Lisa H, 4/4, \$3,000,000
40 Hamilton Ln, Fitzpatrick, Timothy O and Fitzpatrick, Christa M to Obrien, Matthew and Aiyer, Aiswarya, 4/4, \$1,999,999
152 Goodwin's River Rd, Safran, Ronald A and Safran, Marilyn R to David A Burke RET and Burke, Catherine L, 4/5, \$2,525,000
549 Hoyt St, Salgan, Alex to Anderson, Laura, 4/4, \$980,000

CHESHIRE

Mount Sanford Rd Lot 4, Christmax 2 LLC to Pinnacle Land Dev LLC, 4/4, \$249,900
56 Trout Brook Rd, Strickland, Tracy A to Mccave, Emily L and Letourneau, Scott P, 4/6, \$540,000
175 Moss Farms Rd, Vasquez, Kimberly R to Perdion, Nicholas, 4/6, \$249,000
209 Eastgate Dr, Freedom Property LLC to Ezeubue, Nnamdi O and Uyanwune, Yvonne O, 4/4, \$460,000
472 Buckland Rd, Waters, Neal S and Waters, Joann to Smith, Ryan M and Smith, Danielle L, 4/6, \$351,000
776 Bethany Mountain Rd, Slocum, Shaun and Slocum, Nancy to Israel, Lior and Israel, Perla, 4/8, \$704,000

CHESTER

115 Middlesex Ave, Male Donald M Est and Lewis, Justin to Trimarchi, Joseph E and Trimarchi, Carolyn A, 4/6, \$212,500
173 W Main St, ER RE Renewal LLC to Young, Edward J, 4/4, \$175,000

CLINTON

20 Fairly Dell Rd, Alexander, Austin J to Nixon, Thomas J and Nixon, Tracie B, 4/5, \$385,000
36 Riverside Dr Lot 14, Petros, Jeanette D to Aardewerk, Marcel and Matthews, David P, 4/4, \$10,000
127 E Main St, Saldamarco, Jean D to Green, Crystal E, 4/4, \$349,000

COLCHESTER

10 West Rd, Shugrue, Pamela J to Cassidy, Haley, 4/6, \$165,000
41 Lakeview Dr, James P Corrigan LT and Corrigan, James P to Gradzki, Karl, 4/4, \$426,000
44 Nutmeg Cir, Dobson, Scott and Dobson, Rebecca L to Cook, Christopher D, 4/6, \$600,000
64 Berry Ln, Hill, Joshua to Ciardullo, Patrick, 4/4, \$270,000
64 Kennedy Dr, Plotkin, Paul G and Bauman, Hillery P to Perrotti, Maureen, 4/7, \$230,000
260 Norwich Ave, Sousa, Gary to Smedley, Eoin, 4/6, \$217,000
423 Lebanon Ave, Schweighoffwer, Kurt R and Boiczky, Michael to Kilgus, Stacey L, 4/4, \$190,000

COLEBROOK

32 Chapin Rd, Stanley, Elizabeth K to Mcenroe, Justin, 4/4, \$275,000
337 Colebrook River Rd, Hodgkinson, Peter to Smith, Fletcher H, 4/7, \$175,000
337-A Colebrook River Rd, Hodgkinson, Peter to Smith, Fletcher H, 4/7, \$175,000

CORNWALL

75 Warren Hill Rd, Galazka, Jacob J and Smits, Jack to Lew, Syrette and Hull, Robert, 4/5, \$495,000
356 Sharon Goshen Tpke, Millicent K Matland Ret and Matland, Kim Q to Obrien, Catherine, 4/4, \$400,000
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CROMWELL

8 Wightman Pl, Sell Realty LLC to Hurteau 4th, William R and Hurteau, Kathleen M, 4/7, \$438,500
12 Clubhouse Dr Lot 12, Johnson, Denise to Davis, Shavon M, 4/8, \$201,000
13 New Ln, Sousa, Jason to Ramirez, Yubeidy F, 4/6, \$245,000
1 Stuart Dr, Vicchiarliello, Ashley to King, Thomas J, 4/7, \$380,000
2 Belmont Ln Lot B, Maksoud, James E to Amundson, Michael, 4/7, \$235,000
5 Nabby Rd Lot B124, Gadoway, Kathy and Stanley, Troy J to Bogner, Julius, 4/4, \$90,000
55 Sunset Rdg, Amalfitano, Robert W to Schlomman, Catherine, 4/4, \$452,000
6 Mazur Dr, Venture Group LLC to Keenan, Kelly, 4/5, \$198,800
8 Kroyt St, Reilly, Bruce L to Tineo, Teresa, 4/4, \$365,000
8-A S Well Ave, Williams, Ayotunde to Gallimore, Ligia and Gallimore, Nigel G, 4/4, \$390,000
10 Brentwood Cir Lot 10, Toll CT 3 LP to Morganti, Michael and Morganti, Jackson, 4/6, \$572,690
10 Cobblesstone Trl, Usan Ben Tr to Esaw 2nd, Robert and Esaw, Khalila B, 4/4, \$515,900
10 Denver Ter, Mcnamara T and Mcnamara, Eugene to CDE Construction LLC, 4/5, \$115,000
10 Denver Ter, CDE Construction LLC to Vitale, Antonino and Vitale, Dena, 4/5, \$650,000
10 Boulevard Dr Lot 2-124, Sedlak, Sally to Ardissone, Marcia M, 4/7, \$290,000
20 E Pembroke Rd Lot 25, Gercak, Timothy and Gercak, Faith E to Geary, Sean M, 4/4, \$120,000
21 Deer Park Rd, Xiao, Xin and Guo, Zhaohui to Lessing, Loren, 4/4, \$900,000
23 Hakim St, Gentsch, Paul to Rodriguez, Carlos, 4/4, \$250,000
27-29 Balmforth Ave, CTM Properties LLC to Dejesus, Juraci V and Vieira, Edilene B, 4/5, \$660,000
28 Acre Dr, Santaniello, David J to Stfeilich, Guillermo and Collado, Maria I, 4/4,

\$380,000

28 Tamarack Ave, Couto, Jorge to Legaspi, Magdalena, 4/5, \$440,000
29 Beaver Brook Rd, Scully, Brian P and Scully, Dale B to Gomez, Lauro W, 4/7, \$315,000
31 Stadlely Rough Rd, Dos Santos, Adelino S and Santos, Candida D to Asson, Kevin and Jimenez, Jasmin, 4/4, \$650,000
47 Gregory St, Coma, Fadil and Coma, Nezaat to Merz, Anthony A and Merz, Jessica M, 4/4, \$486,000
51 Park Ave Lot 27, Linron Gdns Condo Assn to Estevez, Stalin, 4/5, \$130,000
57 North St Lot 114, Am Agency LLC to Panasharp Properties LLC, 4/5, \$331,000
67-A Sheridan St Lot 6, Giese, Derrick and Giese, Martha to Chen, Xuefang, 4/5, \$260,000
76 Warrington Round Lot 76, Dowling, David A to Briggs, Michele, 4/5, \$489,000
99 Starrs Plain Rd, Wilton, Nicholas B and Wilton, Kaitlin B to Brody, Neil A and Brody, Susan, 4/4, \$799,000
104 Colpuit Hill Rd Lot B4, Martin Jr, Robert L to Boadiuwa, Cecilia, 4/6, \$270,000
166 Old Brookfield Rd Lot 24B1, Cioffi, Steven to Hastings, Victoria L, 4/4, \$219,900
175 Westville Ave Ext, Leach, Jacob to Kafle, Bir B, 4/4, \$363,000
250 Middle River Rd, Wells Fargo Bank NA Tr to Lazo, Washington, 4/5, \$303,000
1902 Bradford Dr Lot 1902, Steir, Michael and Steir, Ellen to Martin, Sherri, 4/4, \$450,000

DARIEN

15 Stanley Rd, Erensen, Brian J and Erensen, Elizabeth B to Hesselsweet, Sara and Hesselsweet, Timothy, 4/4/5, \$801,000
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549 Hoyt St, Salgan, Alex to Anderson, Laura, 4/4, \$980,000

DEEP RIVER

391 Main St Lot 122, Jermaine, Brian V and Jermaine, Leslie W to M&M New Properties LLC, 4/4, \$128,000

DERBY

13 East Ct Lot 13, Trepcra, Ramazan and Trepcra, Embrlje to Ilyiria LLC, 4/5, \$150,000
151 Hawthorne Ave, Martino Doris M Est and Koreiwo, Jamie to Valle, Armando and Valle, Jonathan, 4/7, \$275,000
233 Derby Ave Lot 206, Constantinople, Nicole to Earl, Nathaniel R, 4/5, \$220,000
257 Shagbark Dr Lot 257, Douglas, Lorraine to Moran, Kelly J, 4/6, \$218,000

DURHAM

141 Foot Hills Rd, Davis, Jonathan to Lester, Kasie and Lester, Roland, 4/4, \$473,000

EAST GRANBY

17 Connecticut South Dr, GSL Newgate One LLC to JTI Realty LLC, 4/7, \$3,000,000
22 Schoonover's Lndg Lot 22, Crocker, Robert F and Crocker, Marcella R to Kundil-Pulassery, S K and Chintihakayala, Madhavi, 4/4, \$315,000

EAST HADDAM

Stockburger Rd, Gasparri, Louis A and Gasparri, Wendy L to Koch, Eric J and Koch, Stephanie N, 4/6, \$69,500
73 Lake Shore Dr, Biancamano, Cynthia S and Biancamano, Donald to Staron, Edward P and Oliver, Shannon L, 4/7, \$399,900
151 Falls Rd, Northern, Josiah L and Northern, Heidi H to Mario&L Dipierla T and Dipierla, Antonio, 4/5, \$375,000
183 N Moodus Rd, Markham Penny Est and Norton, Jessica to Decarolis, Hunter and Eimutis, Lenn C, 4/8, \$220,000

EAST HAMPTON

6 Oakum Dock Rd, Saint Clements E Est to Hall, Brittany and Brooks, Caley, 4/5, \$124,900
14 Abbey Rd, Finn,

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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74 Cooper Ln, FNMA to Escalante, Jose A, 4/6, \$230,580

89 Carmalt Rd, Jones, James F and Jones, Rebecca to York, Peter and York, Janet, 4/4, \$440,000

95 Morse St, Perez Jr, Mariano and Perez, Lisette to Ali, Asif and Ali, Shawkath, 4/7, \$359,900

126 Hodder Dr, ZF SPV LLC to Vazquez, Hillary S, 4/4, \$300,000

135 Hartford Tpke, Edev Ventures LLC to Altuna, Sara and Baden, Joel S, 4/7, \$840,000

200 Towne House Rd Lot 200, Roundtree, Pamela G to Zaltz, Israel, 4/4, \$88,000

275 Circular Ave Lot 3D, Armstrong Jr, Michael W to Hulinisky, Ilija and Hulinisky, Elizabeth, 4/4, \$146,000

290 Treadwell St Lot 1102, Elements Home LLC to McBride, Jacqueline, 4/6, \$179,900

365 Mather St Lot 98, Lacobelle, Jessica and Chocolate, Jessica to Day, Carol A and Day, Bethany A, 4/6, \$115,000

550 Circular Ave, Shar, Jennie and Hanley, Joshua to Rosenthal, Melissa A and Caporusso, Christopher J, 4/4, \$289,000

4025 Whitney Ave, Lwec LLC to Asgari, Darius and Kerendian, Alexander, 4/5, \$325,000

HARTFORD

1 Gold St Lot 11B, Denison, Kurtis L to Sullivan, Suzanne E, 4/4, \$365,000

1 Gold St Lot 11A, Denison, Kurtis L to Sullivan, Suzanne E, 4/4, \$365,000

14 Franklin Ave Lot C, Luckritz, Robert A to Crenshaw, Gary, 4/4, \$110,000

15 Warrenton Ave, Blanchard, Joshua and Rosenblatt, Julia to Reale, Antonio, 4/6, \$187,000

22-24 Rowe Ave, Roy, Marguerite A to Reydet, Marcelo and Reydet, Salene, 4/8, \$128,900

34-36 Grotton St, Sylvestre, Jude T to Ortiz, Jonathan, 4/8, \$220,000

37 Alden St Lot L, TSB Properties LLC to Taaboo, Esther B, 4/7, \$176,000

41 Bates St, Cook, Brenda to Myers, Ryan, 4/7, \$195,000

45-47 Hebron St, Wilson, Gloria to Campbell, Sebastian, 4/7, \$165,000

54-56 Cabot St, Young, Errol and Young, Karent to Salto, Moises R and Luperon, Luisa G, 4/6, \$250,000

60 Dean St, Soto, Gladys to Rosario, Pedro J and Rodriguez, Sindy L, 4/4, \$79,500

72-74 Eaton St, DLP Squared LLC to Wright, Brian and Wright, Brandon, 4/5, \$286,500

77 Chester St, Tiwari, Anand and Ortiz, Marisol to Fernandez-Ventura, R R and Mayl-Defernandez, Ana J, 4/6, \$225,000

77-81 Mountford St Lot A1, Lash, Alta A to Cousins&Cousins LLC, 4/6, \$78,000

107 Harbison Ave, Lariviere, Brandon to Rogers, Larry, 4/8, \$195,000

118-120 Barker St, Naim, Yoram B to Kim, Hanyeol and Yamami, Akiko, 4/4, \$315,000

145 Adelaide St, Soto, Carlos L and Soto, Gladys M to Quinones, Genao Jr, 4/7, \$225,000

188-190 Bond St, Gensao Jr, Manuel A and Genao, Yasmin to Perez-Rojas, Daniel A, 4/6, \$305,000

199-201 Cheshire St Lot 17, Motta Concetta Est and Motta, Joseph to Rosado, Eric and Rosado, Nicolas, 4/4, \$289,900

280 Capen St Lot 22, Gilbert, Lonnie to Vinewood Apts Coop Inc, 4/6, \$25,000

479-481 Garden St, Jump, Simone to Samuels, Cheyenne P, 4/8, \$215,000

755 Watersfield Ave Lot C15, Toupouse, Marcel and Toupouse, Erin to Golden Roof LLC, 4/5, \$56,000

HARWINTON

20 Hannahs Way, Targa 1 LLC to Karouta, Anastassia, 4/6, \$333,257

200 Scoville Hill Rd, Tyler, Jordan to Mattiello, Alexa and Perglia, Luke, 4/8, \$233,200

HEBRON

9 Saw Mill Way, Baranski, Joanne E and Geary, Donald T to Zelinsky, Jason P, 4/8, \$490,000

21 Elsmere Rd, Balunas, Marcy J and Diver, Kimberly C to Kasowitz, Adam M and Kasowitz, Laura C, 4/4, \$250,000

25 Barbers Way Lot 25, Becker, Carl J and Becker, Tracy M to Weller, Gerald and Weller, Vicki, 4/8, \$349,900

43 Prentice Hill Rd, Rarey, Jonathan to Mcneil, Ryan and Rochford, Jacob, 4/8, \$417,500

75 Birch Hill Rd, Grayville Ests Of Hebron to Batten, David A and Batten, Lisa F, 4/4, \$120,000

KENT

80 N Main St Lot 35, Barker, Mary A to Betty J Goldberg IRT and Vigoda, Robert A, 4/4, \$285,000

88 N Main St, Starbuck, Elizabeth D and Starbuck, Peter S to Kent 88 LLC, 4/5, \$1,250,000

KILLINGLY

10 Center St, JPF Rentals LLC to Ropi, Stephen, 4/7, \$225,000

18 Athol St Lot 18, Ott, Attiat F and Ott, Dana to Graham, Richard, 4/6, \$72,000

18 Potter St, Seventeen Properties LLC to Crowley, Colleen, 4/5, \$184,000

60 Maple St, Whitehead, Samuel to Keith, Donna M, 4/5, \$205,000

60 Quinebaug Dr, Ochocki Dawid S Est and Ochocka, Doria to Brodeur, Joseph, 4/4, \$270,000

294 Mashentuck Rd, Tetreault Sr, Mark R to Tetreault, Anthony A, 4/6, \$250,000

454 Wauregan Rd, Lemieux, Pauline M to Jarvis, Sandra A, 4/8, \$85,000

KILLINGWORTH

N/A, Joseph Karban T and Karban, Joseph J to R Williams Riordan RET and Williams-Riordan, R, 4/5, \$975,000

92 Parker Hill Rd, Bessonni, Gregory J and Bessonni, Tara L to Weiss, Craig R and Weiss, Elizabeth A, 4/8, \$1,295,000

665 Route 81, Berman, Kerry M to Mark-Nasteff 3rd, R A and Pettes, Lila, 4/5, \$281,250

LEBANON

1 Scanlon Ter, Montie, Robert K and Hous-ton-Montie, Charlyn to Peters Jr, John M and Peters, Loretta L, 4/7, \$125,000

902 Trumbull Hwy, Lake, Sean F to Lopez, Rigoberto, 4/7, \$269,150

LEDYARD

2 Colby Dr, Thomas M Lewis RET and Lewis, Thomas M to Kineo Properties LLC, 4/5, \$225,000

9 Lakeside Dr Lot M, Shearer, Lori to Gallagher, Patrick J, 4/5, \$175,000

94 Stoddards Wharf Rd, Javed, Amer to Avery Brook Homes LLC, 4/4, \$250,000

96 Stoddards Wharf Rd, Javed, Amer to Avery Brook Homes LLC, 4/4, \$250,000

98 Stoddards Wharf Rd, Javed, Amer to Avery Brook Homes LLC, 4/4, \$250,000

100 Stoddards Wharf Rd, Javed, Amer to Avery Brook Homes LLC, 4/4, \$250,000

120 Gallup Hill Rd Lot 8A, Stjean, Patrick to Bradley, Joshua B, 4/4, \$99,500

161 Iron St, Nott, John M and Nott, Patricia A to Fikit 22 LLC, 4/6, \$160,000

678 Colonel Ledyard Hwy, V&P Lynch Enter-prise LLC to Cili, Andi and Mita, Valerija, 4/6, \$390,000

972 Long Cove Rd, Ledyard Land Group LLC to Bank N Brew Holdings LLC, 4/4, \$224,000

1528 Route 12, Ledyard Land Group LLC to Bank N Brew Holdings LLC, 4/4, \$224,000

1742 Route 12 Lot 28, Wener, Steven A to Wing, David M, 4/6, \$105,000

LITCHFIELD

Blue Swamp Rd, Riggi, Genna to Viani, Alan, 4/4, \$175,000

Indian Knolls Condo Lot 4, Indian Knolls LLC to Howard, John and Howard, Norene, 4/5, \$405,000

51 Litchfield Ponds Dr Lot 51, Gardner, Jeffrey to Condon, Judith B, 4/4, \$400,000

94 Mcbride Rd, Deering, Susan to Toussaint, Lily and Toussaint, Joseph, 4/4, \$389,000

183 Prospect St, 2 Hounds LLC to Barry Ginsburg T and Gross, Merle Z, 4/7,

\$3,200,000

183 Prospect St, Mortara, Virginia L to Mortara, Virginia L, 4/5, \$977,000

374 Torrington Rd, Benson, Lisa J to Porcelli, Romano, 4/8, \$240,000

LYME

Sterling City Rd, Broom Jr, Harry P to Sitting Pretty Ct Venture, 3/31, \$150,000

4 Honey Hill Rd, Owens, Roy L to Ulmer, Joshua N, 3/21, \$385,000

86 Joshuaown Rd, Buttrick Ann O Est and Ward-Buttrick, John to Garcelon, Travis and Garcelon, Sofia, 3/21, \$1,550,000

146 Hamburg Rd, Cote-Taylor, Anne A to So, Joon H and So, Sooy Y, 3/23, \$2,295,000

MADISON

2 Samson Rock Dr Lot 1B, Keszler, Kornelia to Madison Ob Assn LLC, 4/5, \$295,000

29 Parker Ave, Anderson, Richard K and Anderson, Linda S to Tintagel LLC, 4/5, \$3,290,000

53 Dream Lake Dr, Cirillo, Frank P to Anderson, Richard K and Anderson, Inda S, 4/5, \$600,000

MANCHESTER

19 Cornell St, Winters Jr, Gerald B and Coleman, Jacqueline A to Blodgett, Taylor L, 4/4, \$235,000

28 Wellman Rd, Smith, Jessica L to Magistri, Parker, 4/5, \$266,500

44 Oakwood Rd, Alvarado, Jose A to Colon-Campos, Marlene, 4/5, \$195,000

78 Bryan Dr, Bell, Patrick D and Shelton, Jodi A to Mojica, Fred, 4/4, \$375,000

111 Main St, Epstein, Edward and Epstein, Joyce G to Datta, Emmanuel L and Datta, Jenni, 4/4, \$175,000

198 Hackmatack St, Kerr, Christopher J and Kerr, Valerie A to Desilets, Rachel A and Allrich, Colin C, 4/6, \$277,000

324 Center St, Paredes, Cesar and Cruz, Marisol to King-Trotman, Kay P, 4/7, \$401,000

MANSFIELD

Moulton Rd, Silva, James L and Silva, Mary L to Mckee, James, 4/4, \$80,000

17 Circle Dr, Moulthrope, Brennan G and Moulthrope, Melissa D to Callahan, Thomas, 4/5, \$220,000

209 Pleasant Valley Rd, Randazzo, Rebecca to Odonnell, Terri, 4/4, \$225,000

MERIDEN

Kensington Ave, Meriden Square LLC to 850 S Main St LLC, 4/5, \$750,000

1 Britanny Ct, Dabkowski, Lyubov to Lopes-Dasilva, Christiansy, 4/5, \$140,000

2 Britanny Ct, Dabkowski, Lyubov to Lopes-Dasilva, Christiansy, 4/5, \$140,000

3 Britanny Ct, Dabkowski, Lyubov to Lopes-Dasilva, Christiansy, 4/5, \$140,000

18 Adams St, Khongdy, Chay and Khongdy, Malivanh to Gonzalez-Nunez, Santos, 4/8, \$200,000

19 Huber Ave, Tarpill, Laura to Chittenden, Jay R, 4/7, \$199,900

25 Twiss St, Perch Rock Management LLC to Nath, Gopal C, 4/4, \$160,000

26 Howard Ave, Lindsey-Williams, C to Islam, Aminul, 4/8, \$210,000

45 Cook Ave, Hanover Cook LLC to Baccus LLC, 4/6, \$260,775

49 Albany Dr, Serres, Dennis C and Serres, Lenore to Sarpati, Salvatore and Wojtunik, Katilyn, 4/6, \$260,000

50 4th St, Mendoza, Reyna M to Rosario-Santana, Odalis F, 4/5, \$285,000

50 Quarry Ln, Newrez LLC to Birmingham, Stephen J and Birmingham, Mary S, 4/7, \$158,400

53 Cook Ave, Hanover Cook LLC to Baccus LLC, 4/6, \$260,775

55 Cook Ave, Hanover Cook LLC to Baccus LLC, 4/6, \$260,775

58 S 1st St, Santos, Ramon A to Macbeth, John and Macbeth, Barbara, 4/8, \$175,000

61 Cook Ave, Hanover Cook LLC to Baccus LLC, 4/6, \$260,775

65 Cook Ave, Hanover Cook LLC to Baccus LLC, 4/6, \$260,775

71 Cook Ave, Hanover Cook LLC to Baccus LLC, 4/6, \$260,775

75 Cook Ave, Hanover Cook LLC to Baccus LLC, 4/6, \$260,775

75 S Vine St, Rosado, Elizabeth to Compres, Griselde, 4/5, \$207,000

82 Sunset Ave Lot 2, Simpson, Shadell J and Simpson, Lauren A to Colon, Nicholas J, 4/7, \$145,000

130 Bradley Ave, Manor Estates LLC to Tudor Manor Estates LLC, 4/5, \$2,425,000

133 Columbus Ave, Collins, Brian to Rodriguez, Johnny M and Morales, Amir, 4/6, \$235,000

154 N Pearl St, Meagher, Stephen G and Joseph, Danielle C to Andrade Jr, Eliu, 4/7, \$221,500

161 Hanover St, Hanover Cook LLC to Baccus LLC, 4/6, \$260,775

163 Hanover St, Hanover Cook LLC to Baccus LLC, 4/6, \$260,775

166 Gravel St Lot B2, Miller, Bernard B to Knox, Raymond, 4/7, \$69,900

212 Broad St Lot 6, Zettergren, Jason to Rodriguez, Yamillet, 4/5, \$95,000

242 Metacomet Dr Lot 242, Malekivash, Emily to Dempster, Maurice and Dempster, Paula, 4/4, \$232,500

278 Britannia St, Dogwood Estates Holdings to Supersaad, Shirley A, 4/7, \$145,000

558 E Main St, Frederick, Jonathan to Ieraci, Michael, 4/7, \$420,500

559 E Main St, Frederick, Jonathan to Ieraci, Michael, 4/7, \$420,500

560 E Main St, Frederick, Jonathan to Ieraci, Michael, 4/7, \$420,500

560 Yale Ave Lot 208, Basso 2nd, Anthony J to Quadrato, Shane, 4/4, \$170,000

MIDDLEBURY

21 Cambridge Ct, Blasius, Margaret to Kaur, Gurneet and Kaur, Beljeet, 4/4, \$850,000

150 Carriage Dr, Styblo Jr, James L to Burne, Paul B and Burne, Robin, 4/1, \$499,900

360 Leonard Rd, Spaho, Aleks and Spaho, Erмира to Reiss, Heidi L, 4/4, \$420,000

660 Whittemore Rd, Citizens Bank NA to Perez, Golen, 4/4, \$378,000

MIDDLEFIELD

5 Lakeview Pl Est, Dunn, Elizabeth A to Bolstridge, William M and Bolstridge, Tracy-ann M, 4/7, \$197,000

MIDDLETOWN

21 Cambridge Ct, Blasius, Margaret to Kaur, Gurneet and Kaur, Beljeet, 4/4, \$850,000

150 Carriage Dr, Styblo Jr, James L to Burne, Paul B and Burne, Robin, 4/1, \$499,900

360 Leonard Rd, Spaho, Aleks and Spaho, Erмира to Reiss, Heidi L, 4/4, \$420,000

660 Whittemore Rd, Citizens Bank NA to Perez, Golen, 4/4, \$378,000

MIDDLEFIELD

5 Lakeview Pl Est, Dunn, Elizabeth A to Bolstridge, William M and Bolstridge, Tracy-ann M, 4/7, \$197,000

MIDDLETOWN

24 Spring Brook Dr, Mills, Kevin M and Mills, Colleen M to Trunek, Sarah and Trunek, Jeffrey, 4/4, \$390,000

86 Lincoln St, Reising, Thomas J and Horton, Rebecca G to Anziani, Julissa, 4/4, \$325,000

111 Dekoven Dr Lot 1208, McCarthy, Lynda to Tschudin, Benjamin H, 4/5, \$105,000

113 Birdsey Ave, Snipes, Stephen P and Snipes, Michele to Laska, Maja and Graham, Taylor, 4/4, \$245,500

233 Carriage Crossing Ln Lot 233, Veit, Dian C to Mimblela, Rocio, 4/5, \$137,000

234 S Main St Lot 410, Lijadliah, Joanne J to Long, Sophia, 4/5, \$240,000

310 Timber Ridge Rd, Kern, June to Cirucci, Nicholas M and Cirucci, Patrice H, 4/5, \$334,900

1261 Washington St Lot 16, Curtis, Crystal A to Pagani, Collin F and Pagani, Brandon M, 4/5, \$130,000

MILFORD

ETtodore Park, Steven Elizabeth A Est and Holdsworth, Kathleen A to Huck, James and Huck, Meredith, 4/6, \$361,500

MONROE

Moose Hill Rd, 376 Mooses Hill LLC to Nemer-gut, Sophia B, 4/7, \$205,000

2 Wildflower Ln Lot 2, Flonc, Denise E to Zuckerman, Howard, 4/7, \$355,000

3 Hidden Knolls Cir Lot 3, Distasio, Gloria to Rocco, Doreen A, 4/8, \$182,000

3 Richards Dr, Pinto, Acacio and Pinto, Ida to Riera, Diana and Chacha, Nilo, 4/4, \$147,000

10 Shelton Rd, Marwah, Raghunath and Marwah, Amita to Rabelo, Cidmar, 4/6, \$400,000

50 Ustang Dr, Robert Mastroni Const LLC to Veteri, Gregory and Veteri, Bried, 4/5, \$965,000

604 Elm St, Sheehy, Dale N to Guery, Phil-ive Main St, Gaslight, Johel, 4/5, \$530,000

755 Main St, Casilght Dev Ct LLC to Maira Oriorties 755 Main, 4/7, \$550,000

MONTVILLE

Avery Rd, Liu, Bijl to Kayser, Michael and Kayser, Jacqueline, 4/1, \$175,000

NAUGATUCK

Cherry St, Aresta, Agostinho J to KLR Prop-erties LLC, 4/7, \$228,000

8 Country Hollow Rd, Mcelligott, Jeremiah P and Mcelligott, Lisa N to Guzman, Hector D and Sosa, Yismilka, 4/5, \$396,000

23 John St, Pina, Angel to Taccariello, Ange-lena, 4/4, \$221,000

31 Country Hill Rd Lot 31, Boyce, Susan L to Martinez, Shante and Pruden, Tevin, 4/6, \$165,000

32 Laurel Ave, Wilmot, Kevin to Santana, Amado C and Delgado, Pamela J, 4/1, \$239,900

48 Arch St, Belo, Maria L to Mckoy, Meshonda L, 4/8, \$297,000

59 Country Hill Rd Lot 59, Berretta Jr, Mark J and Berretta Sr, Mark J to Heurtas, Janet, 4/5, \$155,000

65 School St, Irizzary, Ernest R to Bonilla, Emilio, 4/5, \$215,000

77 Chestnut St, Feleddie Anthony Est and Feleddie, Kayla to Baker, Lovern G, 4/1, \$220,000

78 Allerton Rd, Spring, Leslie A and Domi-nick, Linda S to Ferguson, Conrad R and Lemont, Nicole C, 4/6, \$260,000

93 Meadow St, Letts Jr, John E to Bokul, Sheak, 4/6, \$350,000

135 Gorman St, M3 Properties LLC to Damis, Denzel and Wright, Shayla, 4/4, \$265,000

140 Deepwood Rd, Lapham Woodrow J Est and Lapham, Donald J to Perez, Ricardo, 4/4, \$245,000

146 Phoenix Ave, Lower, Donald and Lower, Amee L to Collins, Skye B, 4/1, \$229,000

156 Lewis St, Pina, Angel to Spring Jr, Wallace C, 4/5, \$215,000

701 Beacon Valley Rd Lot 13, Laskowski Joseph J Est and Lombardi, Diane to Faryna, Maryana and Faryna, Taras, 4/1, \$90,000

NEW BRITAIN

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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996 Hulls Hill Rd, Jenness, Donna L and
Jenness Sr, Matthew T to Lynch, Nicole and
Lynch, Sean, 4/8, \$601,000
1125 S Britain Rd, Spath, Jason T to Bloom,
Robert J and Bloom, Adam D, 4/8, \$736,000
1150 Bucks Hill Rd, Iaiennaro, Joseph and
Iaiennaro, Margaret to Mirabal 3rd, Manuel
and Dao, Tien X, 4/5, \$510,000

SOUTHTON

East St, Judith F Korin LT and Vanlinter,
Gilbert to Southington Town Of, 3/31,
\$180,000
Malcein Dr, Stravoravdis, Stephanos and
Rodriguez, Adaliss S to Moniz-Pacheco Jr,
Joseph D, 3/31, \$393,333
Westover Ln, Landino Richard J Est and
Landino, Anthony J to Esposito, James and
Esposito, Lorraine, 3/31, \$275,000
10 Orchard Ln, Lester, Roland M to Molnar,
David P and Molnar, Laura L, 4/4, \$360,000
12 Parkview Dr, Ogurick, Scott and
Andrews, Jacklyn to Simmons, Annmarie,
4/4, \$340,000
26 Balmoral Dr, Lovley Development Inc to
Cardenas-Castillo, Ylec M and Castro-Monte-
tenegro, Simon A, 4/1, \$556,760
36 Knox Dr, Cyr, Jackie and Cyr, Jacqueline
to Martinez, Jose L and Mejia-Martinez,
Lawrence J, 4/5, \$260,000
52 Village Rd Lot 52, Montague, Kenneth
and Montague, Kenneth A to Newcomb,
Diana S, 3/31, \$153,000
69 Cedar Dr, Bergenty, Ryan and Bergenty,
Ashley to Solarz 3rd, Charles and Solarz,
Sarah J, 4/1, \$424,900
80 Industrial Dr, Claudine Martin RET and
Martin, Claudine to Ultimate RE 2 LLC, 4/4,
\$178,000
120 Carey St, Harbut, John and Harbut,
Alicja to Ticknor, Charles and Ticknor,
Alyssa, 4/5, \$405,000
163 Mckenzie Dr, Odonnell, Beverly A to
Thomasson, Michael and Thomasson, Maria
R, 4/4, \$410,000
209 Spring Lake Rd, Kvietkus, Richard J to
Canny, Jared and Canny, Alexandra F, 4/4,
\$500,000
379 Buckland St, Bishins, Paul L to Ali, Greg-
ory, 4/1, \$285,000
492 East St Lot 17, Nuzzolillo, Joseph A to
Whiting Street Assoc LLC, 4/1, \$67,000
731 Berry Patch Way Lot 731, Boudreau
Rosemarie R Est and Boudreau, Darlene to
Parry, Joan A, 4/4, \$250,000
733 Flanders Rd, CWW LLC to Perry, Jacek,
4/1, \$175,000

SPRAGUE

34 Pearl St, Atlantica LLC to Edmond, Jordan
and Purslow, Daniel, 4/5, \$315,000
59 School Hill Rd, Bonner, Albert to
Mcnamara, Michael J and Mcnamara,
Courtney L, 4/4, \$357,000

STAFFORD

6 Virginia Ln, Sembersky, Bryan F and
Sembersky, Lauren E to Vasapolle, Salva-
tore, 4/4, \$310,000
44 Prospect St, Wittig, David J to Rufo,
Michael C, 4/4, \$230,620
51 Old Springfield Rd, Guilbert, Raymond
and Guilbert, Lorri to Skowrya, Christine
and Skowrya, Leslie, 4/7, \$22,000
169 Hampden Rd, BMJ IRA Joint Venture to
Vivenzio, Phillip and Vivenzio, Karen, 4/5,
\$576,000
249 Diamond Ledge Rd, BMJ IRA Joint
Venture to Vivenzio, Phillip and Vivenzio,
Karen, 4/5, \$576,000
251 Diamond Ledge Rd, BMJ IRA Joint
Venture to Vivenzio, Phillip and Vivenzio,
Karen, 4/5, \$576,000
253 Diamond Ledge Rd, BMJ IRA Joint
Venture to Vivenzio, Phillip and Vivenzio,
Karen, 4/5, \$576,000
284 Diamond Ledge Rd, Fusco, Gary L and
Fusco, Gary to Fetko, Daniel and Girard,
Sherry, 4/4, \$330,000

STAMFORD

Wallacks Dr, Mcleod, Daniel R to Wallacks
Drive LLC, 4/7, \$10,000
1 Broad St Lot PH30, Wilds, Elisabeth and
Toyoshima, Ro to Suozzo, Frances C and
Suozzo, Anthony P, 4/6, \$720,000
1 Broad St Lot 14E, Camuto John V Est and
Camuto, Christopher to Ray, Swati, 4/5,
\$615,000
5 Hundley Ct Lot LL, Affinito, Christopher M
to Guarino, Melanie, Joe, 4/6, \$205,000
13 Treat Ave, Dawe, Jean C to Laroocca, Anto-
nio, 4/4, \$450,000
15 William St Lot C, Pardo, Maria and Pardo
Jr, Carlos A to Terranova, Marlene, 4/4,
\$500,000
16 Woddley Rd, Liu, Julius and Bae, Julie to
Qureshi, Khalid and Qureshi, Malinda, 4/5,
\$855,000
17 Hoyt St, John W Roberts RET and
Roberts, John W to 17 Hoyt Street LLC, 4/7,
\$465,000
17 Hoyt St, Bates, Jonathan H and Bates,
Elizabeth L to 17 Hoyt Street LLC, 4/7,
\$465,000
19 Mariners Ln, Delmar, Alexandra and
Delmar, Kenneth H to Wing, Jennifer, 4/8,
\$700,000
24 Wallacks Dr, Mcleod, Daniel R to 24
Wallacks Drive LLC, 4/7, \$790,000
25 Forest St Lot 3F, Webski, Jason and
Plattner, Wendy L to Higbie, Elliot, 4/6,
\$325,000
25 Webb Ave, Gabriel-Desmolieres, M to
Teng, Jo Ku and Wang, Wei Hsuan, 4/5,
\$535,000
30 Glenbrook Rd Lot 7B, Weinberg, John to
Zahova, Penka and Zahov, Aleksandar, 4/8,
\$147,000
33 Courtland Ave Lot 1, Irizarry, Adriana D to
Estrella, Carmen, 4/6, \$175,000
35 Terrace Pl Lot 2, Greatview LLC to Brady,
Sean and Brady, Cassandra, 4/7, \$650,000
36 Wallacks Dr, Mcleod, Daniel R to 36
Wallacks Drive LLC, 4/7, \$3,900,000
38 Adams Ave Lot 5, Barros, Cesar A and
Desoussa, Monica to Thomas, Edouard and
Thomas-Guirand, Yvena, 4/6, \$375,000
41 Hope St Lot 14C, Vargas, Maria G to

Beauvil, Victor, 4/5, \$200,000
43 Harbor Dr Lot 507, Bothe, Britt to Brown,
Muriel R and Brown, Jack L, 4/4, \$610,000
51 Avery St, 51 Avery Street LLC to Gafor,
Rostam A and Begum, Noor, 4/5, \$650,000
59 Courtland Ave Lot 3H, Cannon, Ann M
to Petrov, Peter and Petrova, Toni, 4/6,
\$155,000
59 Liberty St Lot 45, Jones, Christopher E
and Jones, Sarah to Gil-Escalante, Heather,
4/4, \$449,895
71 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 10, Crandall,
Susan D to Brady, Claude, 4/4, \$230,000
71 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 402, Sood,
Prateek and Sood, Kratma S to Ramirez,
Ruben, 4/4, \$235,000
71 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 419, Tedesco,
Sharon A to Jeffery, Sarah V, 4/6, \$247,000
78 Warren St, Diaz, John J to Hoti, Albana
and Bollinger, Glenn, 4/4, \$515,000
97 Dora St, Muller, Jadiel and Muller, Alini to
Kwon, Grace and Lee, Frank, 4/5, \$620,000
108 Dean St, Vonella Salvatore Est and
Mallozzi, Vincenzina E to Hossain, Moham-
mad I, 4/8, \$500,000
180 Glenbrook Rd Lot 26, Dougherty, John
T and Dougherty, Josephine to Galarza,
Jessica, 4/4, \$277,500
180 Turn Of River Rd Lot 11C, Kreussling,
William C to Nosenzo, John, 4/4, \$620,000
217 Sylvan Knoll Rd, Pool, Jovanka to Smith,
Peter L, 4/4, \$240,000
411 Soundview Ave, Mcleod, Daniel R to 18
Wallacks Drive LLC, 4/7, \$3,700,000
831 E Main St, 831-833 East Main St LLC to
819 East Main Street LLC, 4/6, \$800,000
1411 Hope St, Mancini, Kevin L and Mancini,
Robyn N to Abilis Inc, 4/4, \$725,000
1451 Riverbank Rd, Damore Jr, Edward J and
Damore, Caroline M to Pope, Michele B and
Pope, Preston T, 4/7, \$1,250,000
2029 Shippan Ave, Ruth B Maggio RET and
Maggio Jr, C S to Bradford, Christopher and
Burdick, Krista, 4/6, \$1,310,000
2437 Bedford St Lot 5-1, Cadan, Adam P to
Hutter, Kristine, 4/6, \$482,000

STERLING

85 Newport Rd, Sneed, Christine R and US
Bank NA to GC Holdings LLC, 4/7, \$106,501

STONINGTON

2 Rose Ln, Judith Clinton RET and Clin-
ton, Judith to Wenderoth, Jonathan and
Wenderoth, Laura, 4/8, \$825,000
25 Green Ave, Calkins 2nd, William E to
Steele, Christian A, 4/8, \$355,000
257 River Rd Lot A23, Evans, William J and
Evans, Danica G to Logel, Christopher and
Logel, Nancy, 4/8, \$45,000

STRATFORD

Success Vlg, Lashley, Juanita Y to Godfrey,
Brandon, 4/7, \$42,900
Temple St, Smith, Thomas to Marek, Joseph
S, 4/4, \$241,838
10 5th Ave, Mark 4 Const Co 401K and
Moutinho, Manuel to Rosenberg, Stuart,
4/8, \$185,000
34 Court C, Meresko Jr, Michael S to
Edward, Patricia, 4/8, \$50,000
58 Airway Dr, Nicholson, William A to
Demassa, Robert and Demassa, Marcy, 4/5,
\$466,000
75 Coe Ave, Main, Daphne M and Toth Jr,
John S to See Jr, James A and See, Donna M,
4/5, \$530,000
80 Ash St, Mcquillan, Judith G to Mullai, Eric
and Sheldon, Jennifer, 4/4, \$435,000
105 Elizabeth Ter, Tayag, Ashlee and Tayag,
Edward to Tedesco, Thomas and Tedesco,
Susan, 4/6, \$465,000
140 Disbrow St, Silwinski, Kevin to Bouch-
aine, Andre E and Matragi, Fouad, 4/6,
\$515,000
155 West Ave, Barbetta, Philip F to 155-157
West Ave LLC, 4/4, \$230,000
180 Washington Pkwy, Villagomez, Nelson
D and Blais, Christina M to Healey, Andrew
and Healey, Bridget, 4/4, \$485,000
190 Beaver Dam Access Rd, Sullivan Mary B
Est and Sullivan Jr, John J to Main, Daphne
M, 4/4, \$550,000
294 Kenyon St, Fraser, Margaret T to
Heppburn, Althea, 4/7, \$370,000
434 Housatonic Ave, Hughes, John B and
Hughes, Wendy K to Johann, Jamie A, 4/6,
\$490,000
1168 Main St Lot C8, Monteiro, Adesilda to
Ellsworth Realty LLC, 4/7, \$115,000
1600 Lordship Blvd, Osborn, Tim to Thor-
stenson, Joe, 4/8, \$43,100
1800 N Peters Ln, Hanne, Emilie E to Ortiz,
Luis D and Ortiz, Jennifer I, 4/8, \$593,000

SUFFIELD

4 Greendale Dr Lot 4, Cerrato FT and
Cerrato, Michael R to Ives Jr, Roger L, 4/4,
\$445,000
7 Emma Pl Lot 7, Manacek Rosalie Est and
Grecio, Jean to Macfayden, David and
Macfayden, Lori, 4/8, \$410,000
362 Hickory St, Bontempo, Robert to Bermu-
dez, Kelvin A, 4/5, \$485,000
521 N Grand St, Garvey, Brian L and Garvey,
Karen F to Laino, Carissa A, 4/5, \$565,000
1239 N Grand St, Sheridan, Andrew J to
Smith, Kevin T and Smith, Chelsea S, 4/8,
\$398,950

THOMASTON

2 Branch Rd Lot 4B, Garren, Robert and
Garren, Elizabeth M to Ferrucci, Elizabeth,
4/4, \$106,000
19 Center St, James, Clifford W and James,
Lisa A to Aubertin, Curtis D and Moffat,
Andrea T, 4/6, \$230,000
203 Branch Rd Lot 9C, Mele, Mark A and
Mele, Laura K to Gurrieri, Robert, 4/7,
\$140,000
257 Lynnrich Dr, Tyra, Daniel M and Tyra,
Kelsey M to Walden, Brea A, 4/5, \$295,000
306 Reynolds Bridge Rd, Palomba Enter-
prises LLC to Wood, Michael J, 4/4, \$241,000

TOLLAND

17 Valley View Dr, Burnham, Joanna K and
Burnham, Judde D to Thornton, Cheresa and
Thornton, Elizabeth C, 4/5, \$332,000
55 Gerber Dr, Gerber Associates LLC to Duff

Real Estate LLC, 4/5, \$8,750,000

TORRINGTON

22 Woodland Rd, Oleksiw, Daniel G and
Oleksiw, Katherine J to Mora, Niamh and
Mora, Daniel E, 4/4, \$238,000
49 Iowa St, Obrien, Doreen G and Guarnieri,
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59 Lynn Heights Rd, Maule, David J to
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61 Hart Dr, Timms, Robert O to Palomba Sr,
William R, 4/8, \$150,000
63 Iowa St, Obrien, Doreen G and Guarnieri,
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76 Borough St, J&M Realty Connections to
Skwirz, Jean A, 4/8, \$225,000
78 Prescott St, Roos Jr, Frederick H and
Kohler-Roos, Cheryl to Adnane, Abdenbi,
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87 Scott Dr, David S Buzby 2016 RET and
Buzby, David S to Bronson, Alan C, 4/4,
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88 Oak Ave, Adams, Paul J and Adams, Dawn
C to Walker, Jasmine and Walker, Madelene,
4/8, \$137,000
112 Stonehouse Way, Giampolo, Charles to
Gleason, Theresa, 4/7, \$305,000
124 McKinley St, Shehu, Shpend to Ferrero,
Meghan C, 4/8, \$118,000
128 Old Farms Rd Lot 128, Pearlman, Hana
D to Malik, Adnan and Malik, Claudia, 4/4,
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140 Torrington Heights Rd, Decosa, Wayne A
to Bernades, Jonas C, 4/4, \$172,000
147 Northridge Ave, Szabo, Kelly A to Spur-
gans, Nicholas R, 4/7, \$190,000
162 Torcon Dr, Nancy J Nicholas IRT and
Sereday, Amy to Quintuna, Gonzalo and
Quintuna, Maria T, 4/8, \$238,000
175 Prospect St, 173-177 Prospect St Assoc
to Seedless Confabulating, 4/7, \$425,000
237 Migeon Ave, Ruot, Jessica M to Lipinsky,
Travis and Manson 3rd, John, 4/7, \$205,000
264 White Pine Rd, Jensen Stephen C Est
and Jensen, Peggy to Tazzara, Mary, 4/6,
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303 Riverside Ave, Amici Properties LLC to
Camacho, Felix P and Rijo-Espiritosanto, L,
4/4, \$220,000
311 Migeon Ave, Baker, Dylan A and John-
son, Elizabeth J to Slack 3rd, Richard W,
4/4, \$300,000
339 Main St, Torrington Area Health to 339
Main Street LLC, 4/5, \$200,000
415 Hillendale Blvd, Gumbs Sr, Rodney
A and Gumbs, Margaret A to Korbla-Dzi-
dorot, Godwin and Akwetey, Millicent, 4/7,
\$365,000
839 Main St Lot 61, Allocca, Daniel to
Carmawest Investments LLC, 4/5, \$95,000
2009 Torrington West St, Besozzi, Peter J to
Murphy, Jeremy, 4/4, \$225,000

TRUMBULL

12 Stoneleigh Rd, Belousov, Arkady and
Belousov, Irina to Nawaz, Muhammad, 4/4,
\$540,200
17 Spruce St, Miller, Leonard and Miller,
Gale A to Eyck, Christopher T and Kaplan,
Ingrid, 4/6, \$530,000
23 Wilmot Ave, Parker-Geisler, Karissa
and Geisler, James to Gallo, Martha P, 4/5,
\$430,000
61 Dogwood Ln, Pasquale E Perillie RET and
Perillie, Peggy M to Tollefsen, Alex J, 4/8,
\$645,000
74 Columbine Dr, Schulman, Richard A and
Schulman, Carol S to Bedford, Denise E and
Bedford, Scott H, 4/7, \$375,000
153 Hurd Rd, Hurd LLC to Fernandes, Ruiter,
4/6, \$155,000

VERNON

5 Hale St Est. Bgt Properties LLC to
Klimczak, Benjamin and Klimczak, Kathy M,
3/30, \$226,000
7 Bridlewood Ln Lot 7, Hasset Jr, Clifford R
to Chauhan, Pawan K and Bhadauria, Rina-
sha, 3/30, \$297,000
11 Reed St, Krall, Lisa to Gonzalez, Claudia
M, 3/22, \$194,000
28 Morrison St Lot B, Shaikh, Maksud A and
Shaikh, Saeeda M to Cartagena, Melanie
and Medina, Jese, 3/28, \$185,000
36 Ridgewood Dr, Joyner, Matthew T and
Micciulla, Jamie L to Soucie, Gregory D and
Murphy, Kerry, 3/30, \$300,000
43 Tunnel Rd, Lemasurier, Karen A to
Jordan, Clare F, 3/25, \$249,900
56 Grand Ave, Crosby, Jennifer to Ayala,
Angelica M, 3/31, \$235,000
57 Talcott Ave, Rockville Group LLC to DLC
Properties LLC, 3/31, \$385,000
60 Old Town Rd Lot 143, Soucie, Robert
C and Stalega, Sarah J to Mercure, Anna,
3/21, \$120,000
65 Talcottville Rd Lot 166, Torres Jr, Wilfred
to Schneider, Todd and Schneider, Hillary,
3/25, \$90,000
70 Old Town Rd Lot 323, Biagio-Cor-
tese, Pasquale to Summers, Jamie, 3/21,
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70 Old Town Rd Lot 323, Larson, Corrine A to
Biagio-Cortese, Pasquale, 3/21, \$170,000
80 Country Ln Lot 19, Morse Bruce R Est
and Bernier, Brenda to Martel, Jonathan E,
3/30, \$169,900
101 Davis Ave Ext, Chaponis, Charles J to
Douglas, Erik and Butler, Corrine, 3/22,
\$145,000
126 Grove St, Alexander Investments LLC to
Bratter, Jason, 3/21, \$235,000
162 Reservoir Rd, Chaty, Beth to Uvaydov,
Abo, 3/28, \$32,400
170 Reservoir Rd, Chaty, Beth to Uvaydov,
Abo, 3/28, \$662,600
200 Union St, FNMA to Mason, Gerald E,
3/22, \$114,900
214 Phoenix St, White, Justin R and Pitts-
ley, Elychia M to Setkewich, Evan R, 3/21,
\$160,000
655 Talcottville Rd Lot 41, Gibson, Robin A to
Ortiz, Evelyn, 3/31, \$75,000

WALLINGFORD

9 Lily Ln Lot 9, Gettings, Maureen E to

Catal, Isa, 4/7, \$340,000
10 Grieb Trl, Chyc-Olesiak, Caroline to
Blevins, Sandra, 4/8, \$305,000
27 Grieb Trl, US Bank NA to Proctor, Anna,
4/8, \$266,700
31 Twin Pines Dr, Arhulla, Sridevi to Netter,
Alexander and Netter, Katherine J, 4/4,
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49 Dutton St, 49-51 Dutton LLC to Caruso,
Andrue, 4/5, \$430,000
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Andrue, 4/5, \$430,000
87 Staffordshire Commons Dr Lot 87,
DeFilippo, Eric J to Rizzo, Jacqueline, 4/5,
\$236,000
117 Mohawk Dr, Grillo, Vicent W and Grillo,
Louise E to Skornio, Timothy and Gecaj,
Melissa, 4/5, \$341,000
146 N Airline Rd, Genite 3rd, Joseph E to
Decello, Jennifer L, 4/5, \$385,000
315 Highland Ave, Hepp, Joanne L to Moran,
Michael J and Moran, Courtney M, 4/5,
\$369,925

WARREN

7 Arrow Point Rd, Goldberg, James and
Goldberg, Jean to House Of Monty 7 Arrow
Pt, 4/4, \$697,000

WATERBURY

Grassy Hill Rd, Julien, Tamika to Morgan,
Sharon and Duncan, Alva, 4/7, \$348,000
Greenwood Ave, Vargas, Denise to Premier
Specialty Foods, 4/8, \$203,000
8 Gertrude Ave, Hatch, Paul C to Wthy 5 Dev
LLC, 4/7, \$84,000
9 Court St, Diotalevi, Jason to Gualpa,
Carlos P, 4/7, \$245,000
12 Hilltop Ave, Bao, Engracia M to Rodri-
quez, Jennifer, 4/8, \$310,000
14 Kay Ln Est E, Shove, Ryan to Studer,
Willowe, 4/7, \$110,000
27 Lincolnale Dr, Diaz, Loraine to Vega,
Giovanni and Lake, Mohegan, 4/8, \$255,000
38 Angel Dr Lot A, Torres Jr, Wilfred to
Elsaid, Houssien, 4/5, \$40,000
48 Stoddard Rd, Bailey, Patrick and Bailey,
Nancy to Villano, Michael A, 4/5, \$300,000
51 Southmayd Rd, Musaka, Zhaneta and
Musaka, Alfred to Hall, Hilton, 4/4, \$232,500
52 Deerwood Ln Lot 10, Jefferies, Brian D to
Munoz, Karelys J, 4/8, \$117,500
56 Ridgewood St, Adeyemi, David O to
Betterhaven LLC, 4/7, \$140,000
58 Giles St, Gmar Tov LLC to Pagan, Belinda
K, 4/4, \$187,500
70 Ridgeland Dr, Antonetty, Jose E and
Antonetty, Brittny to Encarnacion, Marlyn,
4/4, \$330,000
71 Pritchard Rd, Ortiz, Angel and Colon,
Keyla M to Pina, Angel, 4/7, \$235,000
75 Wood St, Plummer, Melody to Better-
haven LLC, 4/7, \$145,000
79 Kenmore Ave, Oxford Flight Training to
Fullenwylf, Shariene, 4/7, \$250,000
80 Woodbine St, Gmar Tov LLC to Fluk, Julie
A and Fluk, Yaakov Y, 4/6, \$130,000
89 Orange St, Niola, Julio to Bolton, Shenice,
4/8, \$172,000
92 Wakelee Rd Lot 4, Karlsen, Guy and Bank
Of New York Mellon to Bank Of New York
Mellon, 4/4, \$51,400
127 Central Ave, Bokter, Gellan A to Laing,
Kevin M and Laing, Regina, 4/5, \$132,600
146 Chestnut Ave, Markovic, Dragan to 146
Chestnut Ave LLC, 4/7, \$175,000
149 Chestnut Ave, Egues, Carolyn J to Azzi,
Elias and, Yulissa, 4/5, \$115,000
164 Celia Dr, Breen, Michael J to Egues,
Carolyn J and Egues, John A, 4/4, \$250,000
186 Merline Ave, Nolan George T 3rd Est
and Riess, Katherine O to King, Lisa, 4/4,
\$170,000
187 Sycamore Dr, Klimkosky, Barbara A to
Abrams, Abie J, 4/4, \$289,000
189 Willow St, Matiz, Joaquin to Wilder,
Roshelle, 4/6, \$225,000
27 Greenwood Ave, Premier Specialty
Foods to Nuesi, Josias R, 4/7, \$250,000
305 Robinwood Rd, Lovelace, Lee to Snyder,
Danielle, 4/5, \$166,000
332 Moran St, Condo Rentals LLC to Lopez,
Mayri, 4/7, \$230,000
391 Wolcott St, Nunez, Jose A to Kossa,
Clement L, 4/4, \$184,680
401 S Leonard St, Highland Street Assoc to
Pina, Angel, 4/4, \$141,000
421 Wolcott St, Byliuk, Valter to Better-
haven LLC, 4/7, \$172,500
778 Woodtick Rd, Gutierrez, Ines and Aca,
Miguel to Valdez, Felipe Z, 4/8, \$191,000
1138 W Main St, 1138 West Main St LLC to
Better Living Pro LLC, 4/7, \$175,000
1161 E Main St Lot 6B, Bercier, Rohani to
Highland Apartments LLC, 4/6, \$67,000
1338 Bank St, Shaholli, Romina to Matos,
Michelle, 4/6, \$200,000
1568 Meriden Rd Lot 3D, Kazlauskas, David
and Kazlauskas, Kathleen to Condos At East
Line LLC, 4/7, \$94,200
1769 Watertown Ave, Shiny Renovations LLC
to Holle, Leah M, 4/4, \$235,000

WATERFORD

8 Fulmore Dr, Yanowicz, Jaredm to White,
Amy, 4/5, \$315,000
18 Jordan Ter, Smith, David J and Turello,
Shari N to Goulet, Kelly J, 4/6, \$350,000
37 Richards Grove Rd, Lang, Marjorie H to
Thibeault, Troy A, 4/4, \$215,200
54 Rope Ferry Rd Lot N161, Robinson 3rd,
William H to Fairman, David B, 4/5, \$135,000

WATERTOWN

8 Mohican Rd, Yappel Jr, William N and
Yappel, Alice L to Gillis, Daniel, 4/6,
\$340,000
22 Chestnut Ave, Nozzolillo, Nick to Buckley,
Kelli I and Buckley, Vincent, 4/5, \$285,000
122 French St, US Bank NA Tr to Mustafai,
Ferik, 4/7, \$133,000
170 Westbury Park Rd Lot B3, Labeck Sr,
John B and Labeck, Kathleen M to Strazi-
miri, Leonard and Strazimiri, Rudina, 4/4,
\$80,000

WEST HARTFORD

5 Crosshill Rd, Yimoyines, Gayle R to Good-
man, Andrew P and Zeiler, Brianna L, 4/4,
\$300,000
11 Grissom Dr, Nguyen, Nhan to Thomas,
Marie C, 4/5, \$380,000
18 Douglas Cir, Crawford, Jacqueline G to
Randich, Theodore A, 4/8, \$245,000
39 Foxcroft Rd, Han, Sung S and Choi, Dong
H to Natenzon, Anna, 4/8, \$690,000
45 Timrod Rd, Marx, Ursula to Timme, Reed
and Timme, Ashley, 4/7, \$675,000
45 Wilfred St, US Bank NA Tr to Parthasara-
thy, K and Krishnaprasad, S, 4/5, \$316,000
67 Saint James St, Hicks, Patricia A to
Thomas, Brandon, 4/4, \$250,000
70 Overbrook Rd, Rivera, Roberto and
Rivera, Stephanie to Lacki, Mandeep and
Lacki, Elliot A, 4/8, \$405,000
73 Oakwood Ave, Roy, Kevin E to Antonios,
Joseph J, 4/7, \$372,500
76 Timberwood Rd Lot 76, Rosen, David S to
Kochar, Arupreet S, 4/4, \$365,000
85 Memorial Rd Lot 306, Carrier Sally D Est
and Sanford, Susan D to Heffin, Dan, 4/5,
\$995,000
88 Whitehill Dr, Sutula, Eric D to Walters,
Charlotte G and Walters, Douglas R, 4/8,
\$365,000
94 Richmond Ln, Blanch, Paul to Platt, Laura
B and Plat, Robert J, 4/7, \$377,000
145 Haynes Rd, Shone, Terue and West, Fred
Hartford Town Of to Pizarro Jr, Alfredo, 4/7,
\$233,000
383 Ridgewood Rd, Kilker, Justin to Mahmu-
tai, Bafjaar, 4/7, \$320,000
795 Prospect Ave Lot B5, Calderon, Monica F
to Buckley, Robert J, 4/7, \$430,000
1128 Boulevard, Chen, Guo H to Dey, Priya-
tosh and Dey, Binapali, 4/5, \$440,000

WEST HAVEN

Front Ave, Lawrence Mall Of New Havn to
Bowl Drive In LLC, 4/7, \$158,620
7 Judith Ln, Santos Group LLC to Immel, Karl
H, 4/8, \$290,000
24 Donna Ln, Cascade Funding Mortgage to
Sirochman, Michael, 4/4, \$268,500
27 Washington Ave, Talamelli, Gary W and
Talamelli, Andrea to Rosenay, Melissa, 4/8,
\$430,000
29 Big Spruce Ln, Brady, Claude to Ryan
Jr, Timothy M and Ryan, Stephanie L, 4/4,
\$430,000
49 Malden St, Banning, Brian to Gil, Rosanna
C and Pulla, William C, 4/5, \$450,000
49 Savin Park Lot 49, Gutierrez, Yelena M to
Torres-Mendez, Claudia P, 4/6, \$210,000
57 Highview Ave, Tomanio Jr, Joseph J
and Tomanio, Angela to Anna, Molly, 4/5,
\$160,000
79 E Brown St, Cameron, Bonnie L and
Kelsey, Timothy J to Veliz, Bernarndo R and
Jara, Rosa V, 4/8, \$295,000
79 Rangely St, Flores-Bastidas, Viviana and
Adrian-Flores, Cristian D to Bunay-Godoy,
Cristian E, 4/4, \$362,000
80 Morris Ave, Valeo, Heidi to Khan, Hira,
4/4, \$240,000
106 Winslow Rd, US Bank NA Tr to Baker,
Alecia, 4/5, \$310,000
130 W Walk Lot 130, Sautter, Kelly L to Reju-
venating Homes LLC, 4/7, \$80,000
130 W Walk Lot 130, Sautter Daniel Est and
Sautter, Kelly L to Rejuvenating Homes LLC,
4/7, \$80,000
144 Center St, Carroll, William to Opticlad
LLC, 4/4, \$180,000
180 White St, Gan Eden Chadash LLC to
Vallas, Mark, 4/4, \$270,000
280 Park St, Barbagiovanni, Anna to Shaker,
Muhammad, 4/6, \$375,000
330 Savin Ave Lot 73, Greismer, Robert S
and Greismer, Anne A to Puchala, Dawn,
4/4, \$128,000
375 Morgan Ln Lot 401, LAD T and Heller,
Harry B to Barney, Christine J, 4/5, \$82,000
375 Morgan Ln Lot 402, LAD T and Heller,
Harry B to Barney, Christine J, 4/5, \$82,000
375 Morgan Ln Lot 402, Damato Jr, John C to
Barney, Christine J, 4/5, \$82,000
375 Morgan Ln Lot 401, Damato Jr, John C to
Barney, Christine J, 4/5, \$82,000
398 Center St, Fontes, Duarte G and Fontes,
Carolina A to Greschwind, Megan A and
Leary, Patrick R, 4/4, \$300,000
537 1st Ave, Hill, Maria and Buchanan, Gail
to Waheguruji LLC, 4/4, \$350,000

WESTBROOK

86 Fairview Rd, Sheri L Stalsburg T and
Holtzky, Donna D to Mohn, Jeryl L and
Mohn, Vicki N, 4/5, \$630,000
375 Morgan Ln Lot 401, LAD T and Heller,
Harry B to Barney, Christine J, 4/5, \$82,000
375 Morgan Ln Lot 402, Damato Jr, John C to
Barney, Christine J, 4/5, \$82

Try a different approach to raised beds

‘Hill culture’ gaining mainstream, social media attention

By Jessica Damiano
Associated Press

I don’t have a giant property, so I strategize to get the most use of the garden I have, and that includes planting vegetables and herbs in raised beds and containers.

I’ve been growing edibles in two 4-by-4-foot cedar boxes that my husband built about 10 years ago, and every few years, I invest in copious amounts of compost and organic topsoil to refill them. Some friends garden in much larger beds and the cost to fill them would make your salad spin.

A better method, “Hugelkultur,” is said to have been used in Germany and eastern Europe for centuries as part of a more extensive permaculture system, which maintains that nature should be left to do its own thing with as little human interference as possible. That includes allowing logs, branches and other plant debris to decompose into nutrient-rich soil, as it would on a forest floor, which is arguably better than anything that comes in a bag.

Hugelkultur, or “hill culture,” has been a darling of the permaculture world since the 1970s, but has been gaining mainstream and social media attention lately.

It can be used in raised beds or in mounds (or berms) directly on the ground.

Here’s how it works: Instead of filling deep raised beds solely with purchased soil and compost, create a layered foundation of yard waste to reduce the amount of soil needed and increase nutrients and plant yields.

Start by building about 40% of the depth of your box with a base layer of old firewood or logs from hardwood trees like maple, oak, poplar or birch (bonus points if the wood



A layer of sticks and branches is placed in a free-standing Hugelkultur bed during its construction. **JON ROBERTS**

is rotted). Softwoods from needed evergreens are also acceptable but will decompose more quickly. Never include pressure-treated wood, which contains toxins; wood from black locust or redwood trees, which are decay-resistant; or wood from allelopathic trees like black walnut, which release growth-inhibitors into the soil.

Top the logs with smaller pieces of wood, like fallen branches, twigs and sticks to comprise the next 10% of depth.

Next, add a layer of leaves, grass clippings, and other soft plant debris, plus kitchen scraps like fruits, vegetables and eggshells (never include meat, oils or animal products like cheese, or dog or cat droppings). Ensure these fresh ingredients also fill spaces



A base layer of logs, from left, a layer of garden debris and twigs, and compost and topsoil are used to create a raised Hugelkultur bed. **ADRIANNA BIRNBAUM**

in the woody layer beneath the pile well.

Finally, add a layer each of compost and topsoil in equal amounts, wetting each layer as you build.

If you’re making a free-standing mound,

decide how big you’d like it to be and dig a 1-foot-deep trench as its foundation (save the sod if you are removing turf grass). Keep in mind it will be easier to plant and harvest on your mound if it’s no more than 3 feet tall.

Fill the trench with logs, and top with a thick layer of twigs, sticks and branches.

Top the woody layers with upside-down sections of the removed sod, or cardboard, and cover with kitchen scraps, compost and topsoil, as above,

watering and tamping down as you go. Aim for a mound that’s wider at its base than its top.

To maximize gardening space, plant the sides as well as tops of berms.

As the organic matter in Hugelkultur beds breaks down, the height of the mound will sink; simply top off with compost as needed. That decay will also warm and aerate the soil, drastically reduce the need for irrigation (starting in the second or third year), and provide plants with a long-term supply of nutrients (fertilize regularly during the first two growing seasons, before decomposition really gets cooking).

Expect Hugelkultur beds to provide rich, fertile soil, increased harvests, larger plants — and savings — for up to 20 years.

The dream of cheap rent and no roommates is over

By Sarah Maslin Nir
The New York Times

NEW YORK — The hallmarks of feeling like you’ve made it in New York City are often as follows: navigating the subway sans map; a maitre d’ who knows you by name; and living alone, at last, in your own apartment. For a window of time during the pandemic, when many fled the city and landlords offered rock-bottom rents to tempt those who stayed, some could finally afford to reach that shining hill of solo living.

But as the city thrives again, many who scored a sweet deal now face rent-renewal sticker shock; rents have risen 33%, and a lease renewal asking double is not unheard of. Those renters have been hit with a hard reality check: The halcyon days of blasting music, letting dishes pile up in the sink and walking from the bathroom to the kitchen without a towel are over. For them, New York’s soaring real estate prices mean the only way to stay is to bunk with a roommate once again.

At the start of the pandemic, Chelcie Parry was hunkered down in a damp, two-bedroom, no-living-room apartment in Bushwick, Brooklyn, with a roommate, facing pestilence at every turn: Outside was the threat of coronavirus, inside was black mold. For the pleasure, each paid \$1,000.

Then, in January 2021, Parry came across a studio in Manhattan’s Financial District complete with a doorman. Before the pandemic, it had been listed at \$2,614 a month, according to the listing website StreetEasy; now the rent was \$1,750. After

months of lockdowns, social distancing and working from home in her dank apartment, she jumped at the chance to live spore- and roommate-free.

“It felt like the closest thing that I could have to a hug at the time,” said Parry, 26. To afford it, she said, she took on another job; she works at a theater nonprofit and at a media company. The studio felt worth the hustle. She spent her days decorating to her own taste, practicing TikTok dances free from judgmental observers and indulging her 3 a.m. Hot Pocket habit without anyone catching her in the kitchen, she said.

Then her lease renewal arrived in the mail. On April 1, the rent went up to \$3,450 — just shy of double.

“It is swanky, and it is not something I pictured that I could ever be able to afford,” Parry said in March, while packing up her studio. “Which apparently is right — because I could only afford it during a global crisis.”

She is not alone. Since this time last year, New York City rents have risen 33%, nearly double the national average, according to the online listing site Apartment List. In affluent neighborhoods, it’s worse. At the height of the pandemic, in Williamsburg in Brooklyn and on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, for example, the median asking rent fell about 20%. Since January 2021, it has charged upward by about 40% in both places, according to StreetEasy. In SoHo, the median rent jumped 58% in the fourth quarter — from \$3,800 to \$6,002 — according to the site.

Behind the extreme hikes in rent is a rental



Chelcie Parry at her apartment on March 28 in the Financial District in Manhattan. **GEORGE ETHEREDGE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

market crunch driven in part by COVID expats flooding back, attracted once again to a revitalized city or recalled by office jobs. The vacancy rate in Manhattan was 1.3% in February 2021, down from the record high of 11.8% in February 2020, according to Miller Samuel Inc., a residential appraiser.

The surging median rents are merely course-correcting and align with historical trends that were disrupted by the pandemic, according to landlords and their representatives.

Priced out of Manhattan’s solitary-living market, Parry and her boxes headed to a new residence this month, a four-bedroom basement apartment in Harlem, with three other roommates, for which she will pay \$890 a month.

“New York City has always been cutthroat about real estate,” said Stephanie Diamond, founder and CEO of Listings Project, a newsletter featuring vetted real estate classifieds. Diamond said

that in recent months, the housing-wanted ads have poured in. The texts of these new ads, she noted, is increasingly pitched in desperation. “It’s never been fair, I don’t think ever, and now it is off the charts.”

After a year or more of living on their own — a pinnacle of achievement in New York — some say the bump back to earth has been painfully personal. “It feels like a setback. It feels like a failure, because we all dream of coming to New York and having the beautiful one bedroom or the beautiful studio, and that’s not something that I’m going to have,” Parry said. “It is honestly devastating.”

If it comes down to a choice between leaving New York City or enduring roommates, many still choose cohabiting.

For those who choose to stay, the situation is a bit brighter. So far, roommate rents, which fell to their lowest levels in six years during the pandemic, have not risen as steeply as for solo dwellings, according to data compiled by

SpareRoom, a roommate and shared housing listings site. The median rent for a person sharing an apartment was \$1,199 in February, nearly \$100 less than it was before the pandemic began, data shows.

Matt Hutchinson, a spokesperson for SpareRoom, doesn’t see it staying that way. “New York is New York,” he said. “It’s one of those suitcase-and-a-dream cities, and I don’t think that’s ever going to change.”

As Galit Nickin’s friends and neighbors high-tailed it out of the city to shelter with family or in less populous areas in the early days of the pandemic, she decided to stay put. In part, it was because, for the first time since she arrived from Mexico City five years ago, the downward-spiraling rents meant she could afford to live without roommates.

A year ago, she moved from a shared three-bedroom in Williamsburg, for which she paid around \$1,700, to her very own one bedroom on the Upper

East Side — which, after the perk of a month’s free rent as an incentive, cost roughly the same price.

Nickin, 28, leaned into having her own space, including adopting a dog, something unimaginable in her cohabiting days. Then came her renewal offer in the mail. On April 1, she faced a roughly 30% increase that Nickin, who is a project manager for an architecture firm, said she cannot afford.

She is reeling from more than sticker shock, she said, but also from the sense that landlords are turning their backs on tenants who stuck it out with them when others abandoned a troubled city.

“I decided to stay in New York, I decided to give their apartment and their building a chance, and it feels like they clearly don’t care,” said Nickin, who was granted an extra month from her landlord since she is struggling to find another place. “When they needed help, I rented it. And now they just want more money.”

ASK THE BUILDER

Save on storage fees, build your own shed

By **Tim Carter**
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It seems like every week I get at least one email or a question on my livestream sessions about inflation. I'm by no means an economist, but I've seen enough full moons to know that inflation is raging and it's going to get much worse.

I do the grocery shopping in my household, and I'd estimate food prices are up at least 35%. Gasoline is now up 85% where I live. Building material prices are going up faster than a bottle rocket on the Fourth of July. I'm bewildered how the reported inflation rate I see in the news is so much lower than what I'm experiencing.

Years ago, I built a large 16-by 24-foot two-story shed that could be easily converted into a small house if I wanted to. Currently, it's loaded with all sorts of accumulated stuff from 50 years of family life. Before I built the shed, much of this was in an offsite storage facility with sky-high monthly rent.

Last week I picked up two bags of birdseed for my lovely wife at a local agriculture supply store. There in the parking lot were quite a few pre-assembled sheds ready to be delivered to homes. They came in a multitude of designs. You may see these at your local big box stores too. I've inspected these sheds, and the construction quality is minimal, in my opinion. The floors are flimsy and the wall studs are spaced at 24-inch centers, whereas I'd build at 16 inches on center.

My eye was drawn to the signs showing what these sheds cost. The prices took my breath away. A plain vanilla shed was \$7,783, and one with a little more pizzazz was \$8,763. Both measured 10 by 20 feet. Prices vary from region to region, and the same sheds could cost even more near



Do you want to save money on storage fees? You could buy a prefab shed, or you could build your own. **TIM CARTER/TNS**

you.

Those prices, frankly, are insane. For comparison purposes, I decided to find out what off-site storage costs in my town. It's a good thing I was sitting down when I found out. The current price is \$193 per month for a 10- by 20-foot storage space. That's \$2,316 per year — and you know that next year the price will jump 10%, if not more.

Wouldn't it make more sense to build a 10- by 20-foot shed for the equivalent of what you'd spend on two years of rent? I'm sure most of you, my readers, could build a simple shed after watching all my videos on the topic at my website. And you could build it to last for 40 years.

To save lots of money, and to get all or some of the money you need to build your own shed, you might want to do what I've

been doing for the past two years: selling or donating all the things I no longer use or need. This year, I intend to take it to the next level. My goal is to sell hundreds of things in the next four months. Whatever I can't sell, I take to the Free Room at my town recycling center so others can benefit.

I've transformed countless dust-covered items I had forgotten about into thousands of dollars of cash

by selling them to nearby residents using social-media groups for garage and yard sales. I've discovered you get top dollar if you take lots of great photographs showing the actual condition of the object and provide all the needed dimensions.

It also helps to write a creative story about the history of the object. Buyers tell me they love my stories, especially the

one about the small silver bowl that I thought might have been on a sailing ship coming to the colonies back in the early 1700s.

Purging things you no longer need or want serves another important purpose. You then don't have to have such a large shed to store your things.

If you decide to build a shed, the first step is to determine the size you need. People almost always build a shed that's too small.

It's easy to determine the right size. Here's how: Take all the things you plan to put in the shed and place them out on your lawn just as you plan to store them in the shed. You can use empty cardboard boxes to simulate things. If you're skilled and can think in three dimensions, you can draw this out to scale on graph paper.

Once you place the items on the lawn, then surround them with string to make the outline of the shed. Try to create a shed size that's a multiple of 2 feet in both footprint dimensions. This will minimize material waste.

It's not happenstance that the sizes of pre-built sheds or shed kits conform to this standard.

The next two steps are mission-critical. First and foremost, you need to check with your city or town to see what the zoning regulations will allow you to build. These regulations can be strict or lax. It varies widely, trust me. The next step is to create a complete material list and price it out as soon as possible. Inflation is causing prices to go up monthly.

I've prepared a complete material list for a simple 10- by 20-foot shed to save you the time and trouble of trying to figure out what you need.

You can get all this for just \$7.95 at: [GO. askthebuilder.com/1452](http://GO.askthebuilder.com/1452)



I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, ‘A family like yours.’ That’s when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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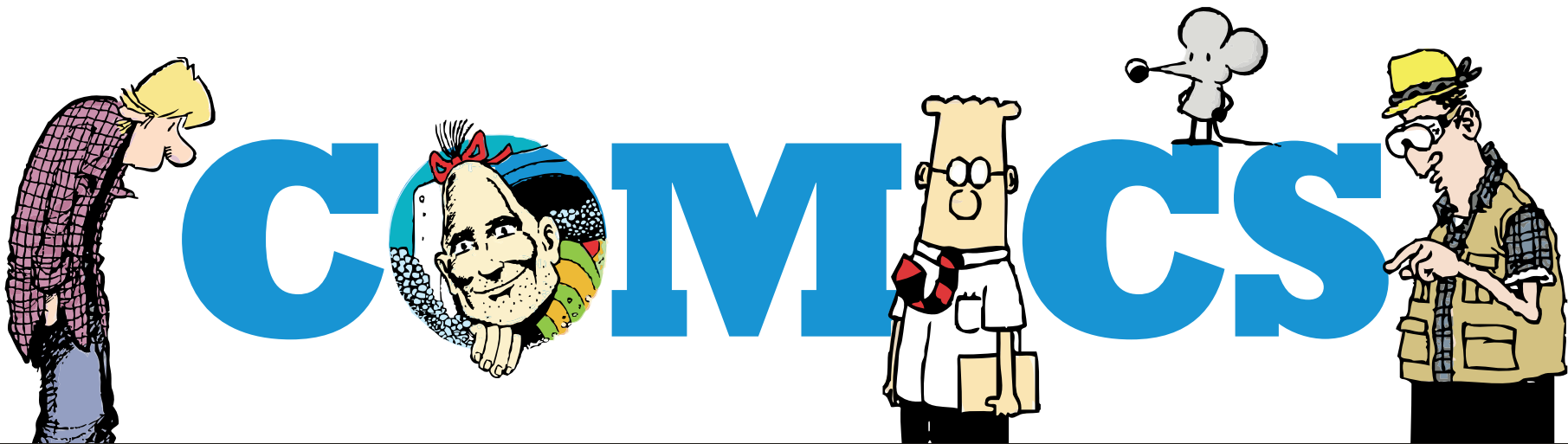
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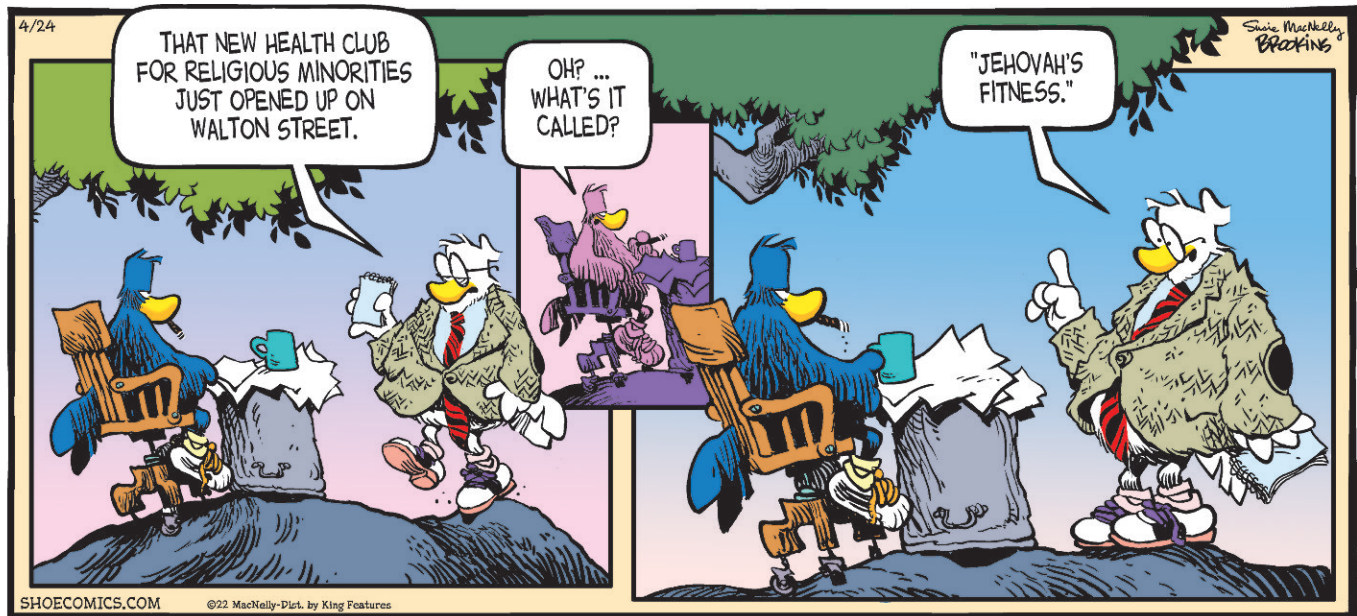
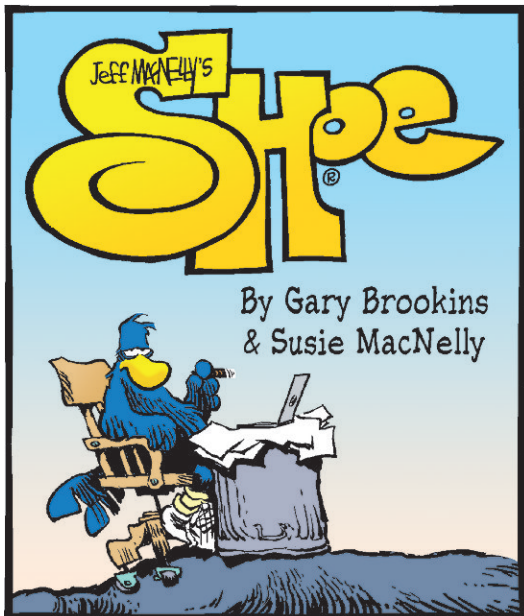
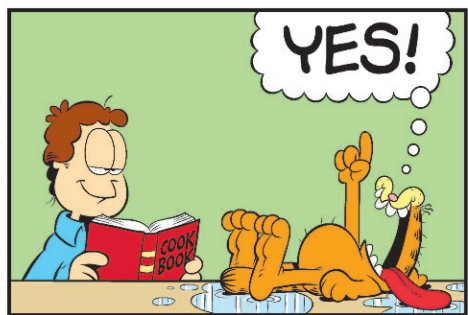
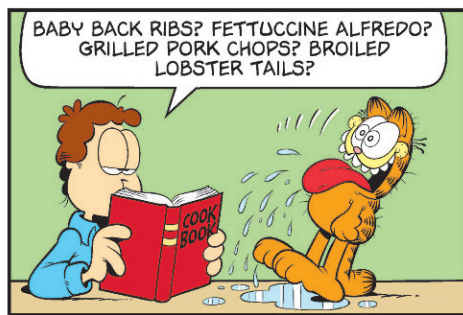
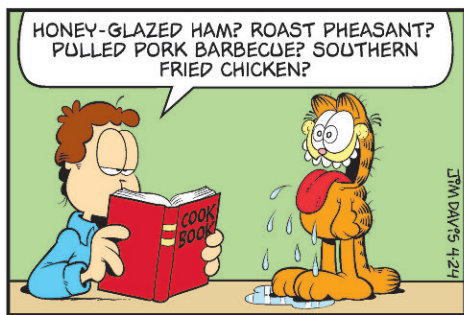
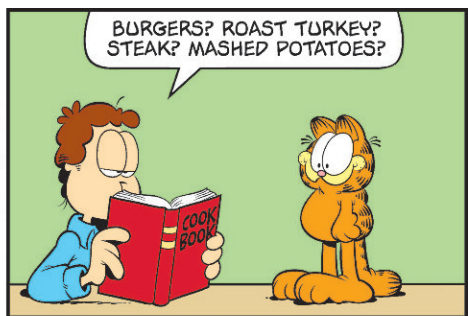
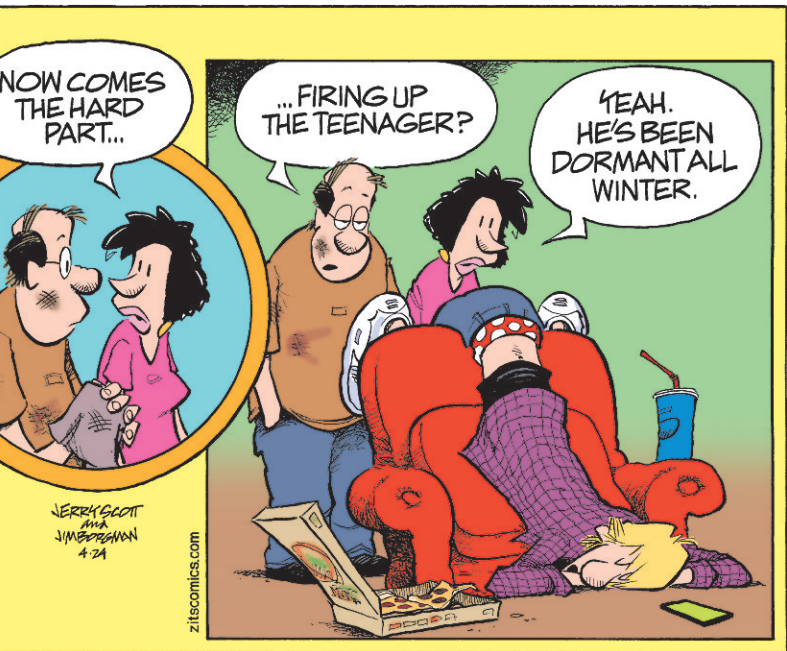
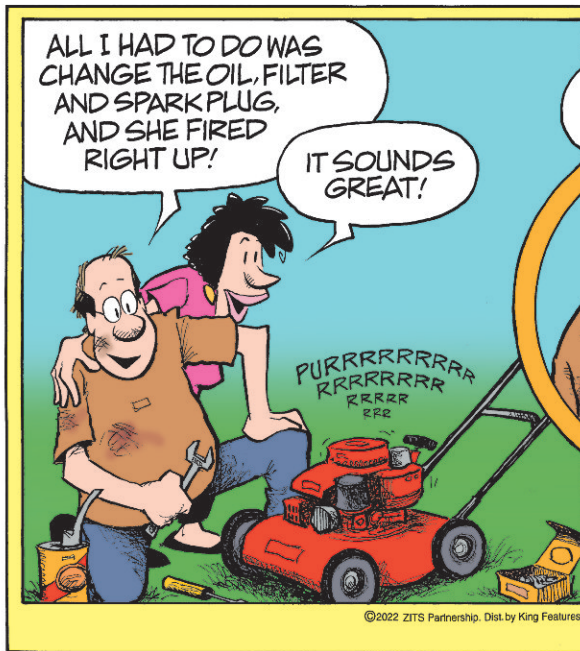
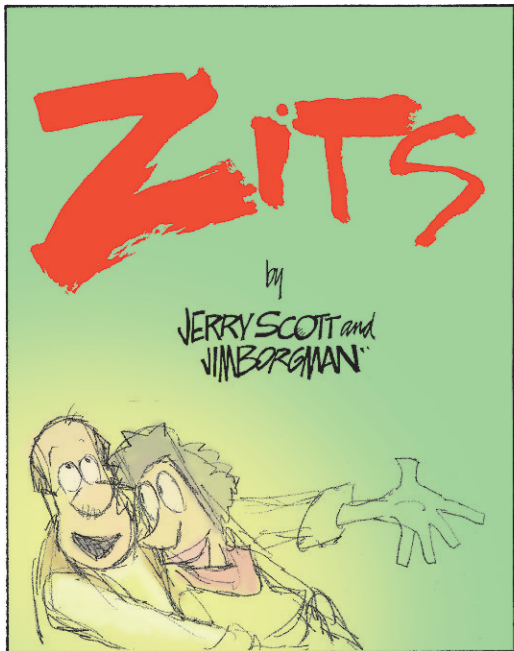
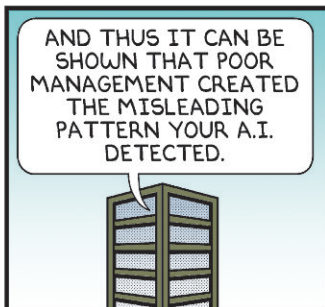
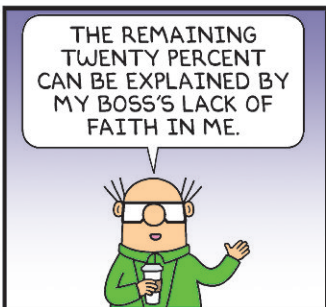
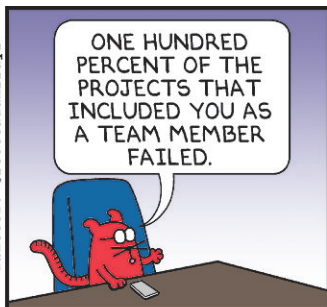
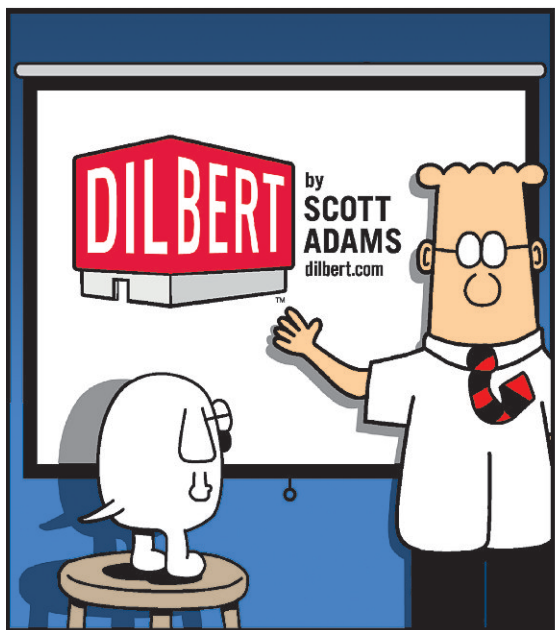
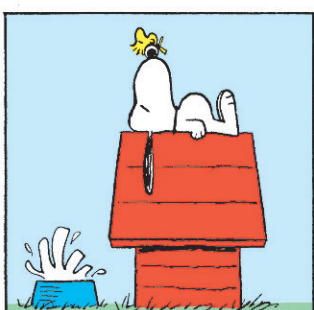
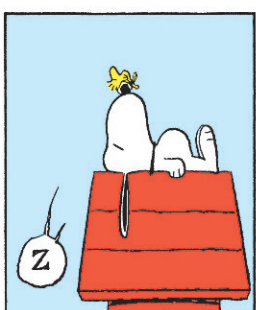
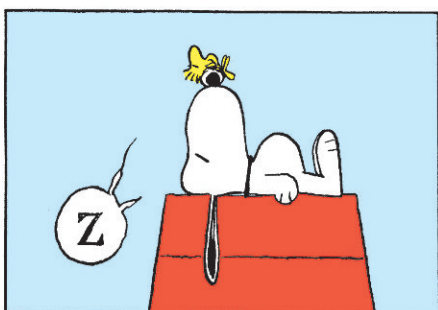
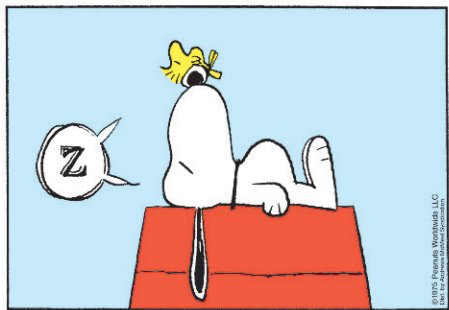
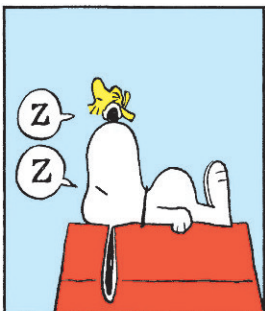
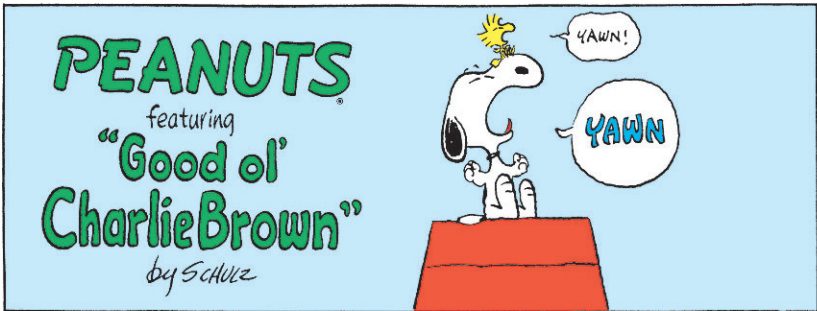
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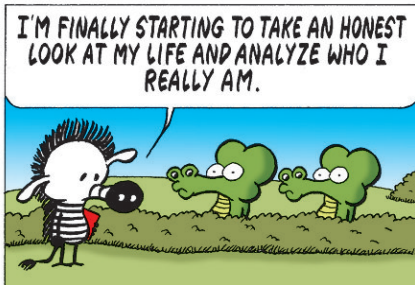


I'M FINALLY STARTING TO TAKE AN HONEST LOOK AT MY LIFE AND ANALYZE WHO I REALLY AM.



A BUNCH OF SELF-HELP BOOKS.

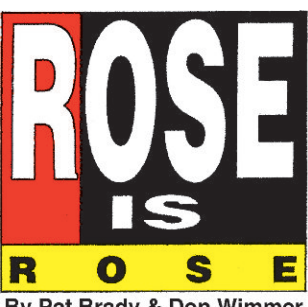
Self-help? Why you is need dat?



You is hamburger with legs.

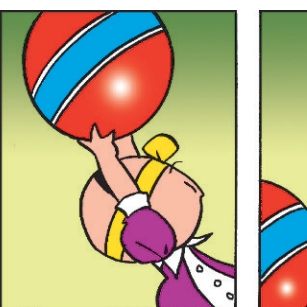
Why he need book for dat?

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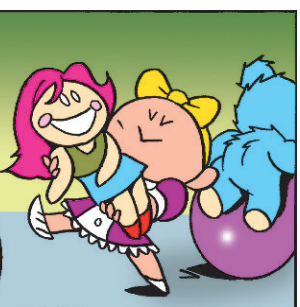


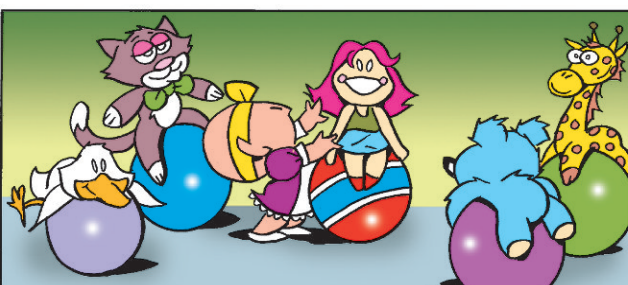
ROSE IS ROSE

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BUMMIN' YOUR WORKOUT!





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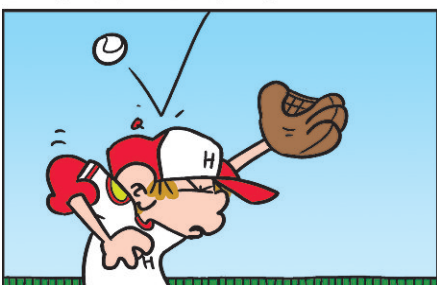
Nimi's PILATES SESSIONS: NO INSTRUCTION. JUST FUN. *GET THERE EARLY. SEATING IS LIMITED.

Non Sequitur

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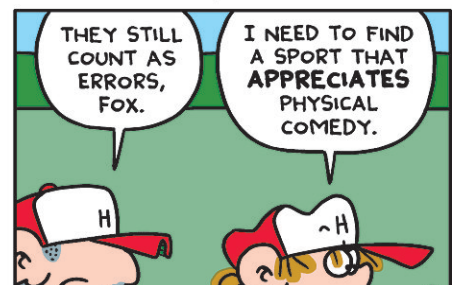


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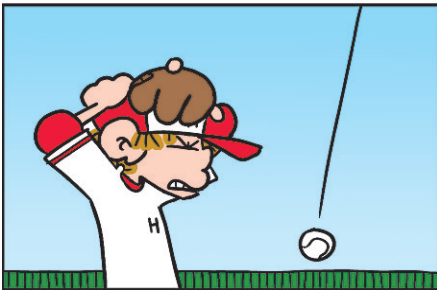
I DID ALL THAT ON PURPOSE, BY THE WAY!





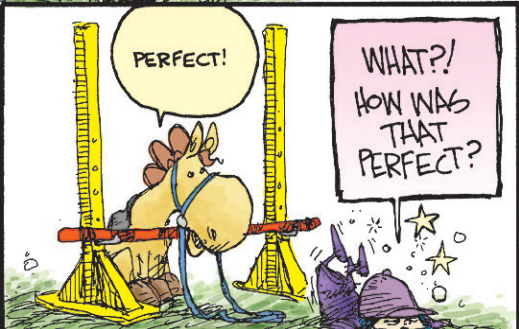
THEY STILL COUNT AS ERRORS, FOX.

I NEED TO FIND A SPORT THAT APPRECIATES PHYSICAL COMEDY.



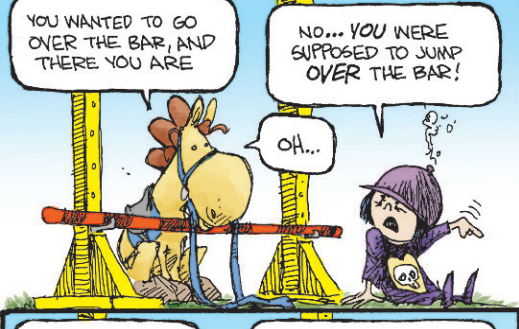
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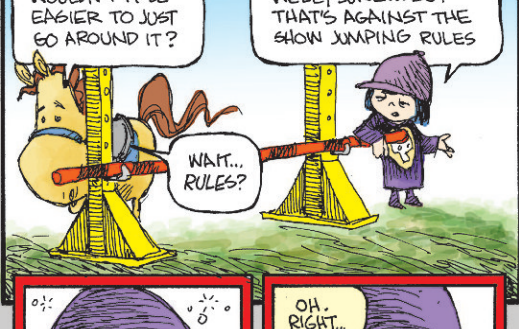
WHAT?! HOW WAS THAT PERFECT?



YOU WANTED TO GO OVER THE BAR, AND THERE YOU ARE

NO... YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO JUMP OVER THE BAR!

OH...



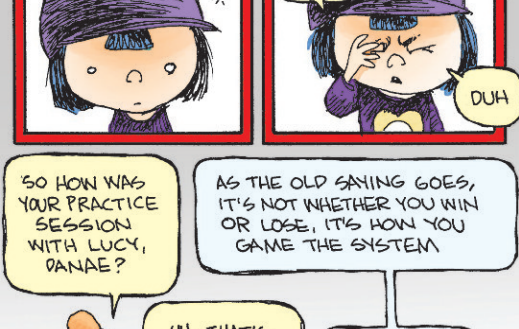
WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO JUST GO AROUND IT?

WELL, SURE... BUT THAT'S AGAINST THE SHOW JUMPING RULES

WAIT... RULES?

OH, RIGHT...

DUH



SO HOW WAS YOUR PRACTICE SESSION WITH LUCY, DANAEE?

AS THE OLD SAYING GOES, IT'S NOT WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE, IT'S HOW YOU GAME THE SYSTEM

UH... THAT'S FOR MONEY LAUNDERING, NOT SPORTS

WHATEVER



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BALDO

BY CANTÚ AND CASTELLANOS



DAD, DO ME A FAVOR.

SURE, ANYTHING.



TELL ME I TAKE AFTER MOM'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY.



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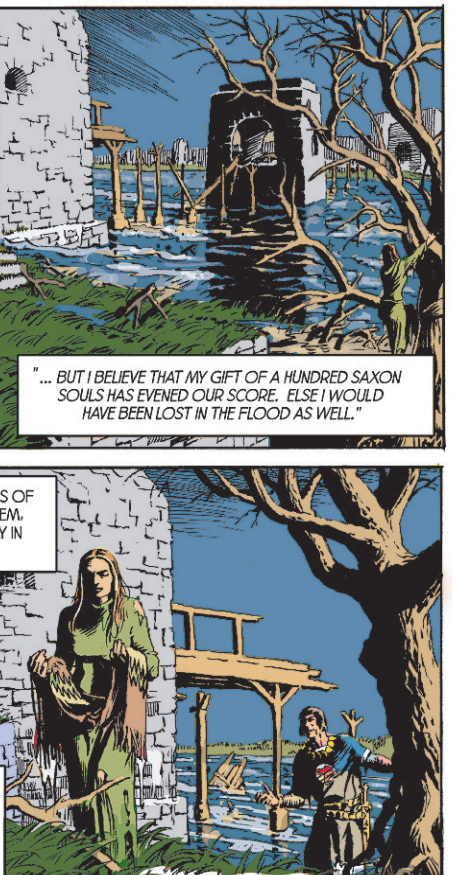


THE DARK TIDAL WATERS RECEDE, LEAVING MUCH DESTRUCTION ABOVE THE FLOODED BANKS OF THE THAMES. VAL AND MORGAN GINGERLY CLIMB DOWN FROM THE OAK THAT GAVE THEM REFUGE. VAL LOOKS ABOUT IN WONDER...



"THIS RIVER IS BUT AN ESTUARY—A SALTY ARM OF THE SEA," OBSERVES MORGAN. "THE POWERS I OWED WOULD COME THIS FAR FOR MY SOUL..."

"...SEE WHAT THE WATERY LORDS WITH WHOM YOU PLOTTED HAVE WROUGHT! AND EVEN THIS FAR INLAND!"



"... BUT I BELIEVE THAT MY GIFT OF A HUNDRED SAXON SOULS HAS EVENED OUR SCORE. ELSE I WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE FLOOD AS WELL."

THE OTHER SURVIVING EVACUEES OF LONDONIUM SOON REJOIN THEM, LOOKING TO MORGAN LE FAY IN SOMETHING LIKE AWE.

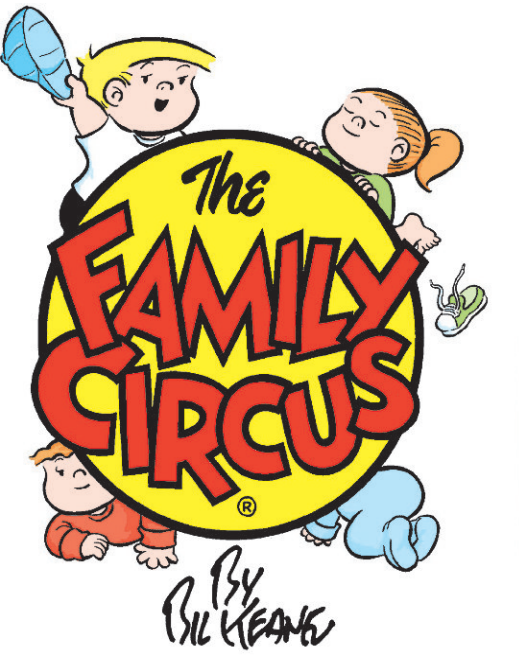
VAL CRIES: "YOU MAY MAKE PRETENSE OTHERWISE, BUT THEY KNOW YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE THEIRS!" MORGAN'S ATTENTION SEEMS MORE UPON HER TATTERED GARMENTS. "FOOLS! THEY SHOULD BE CAREFUL WHOM THEY CHOOSE TO ADMIRE."

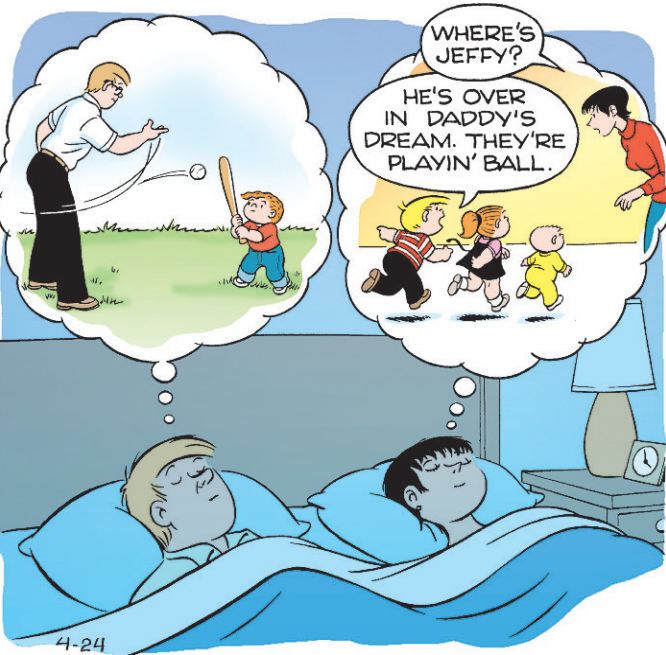
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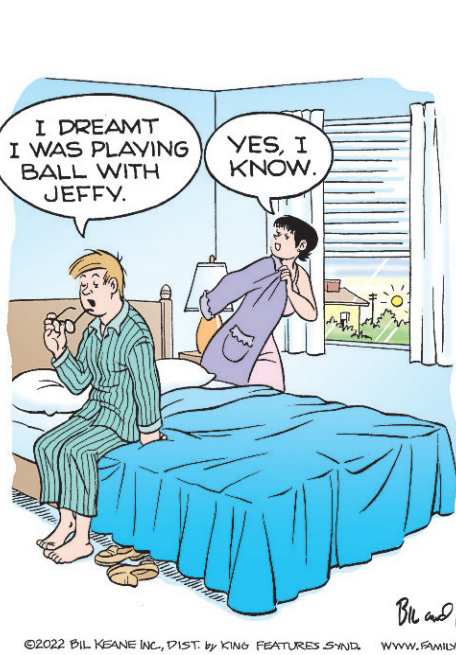
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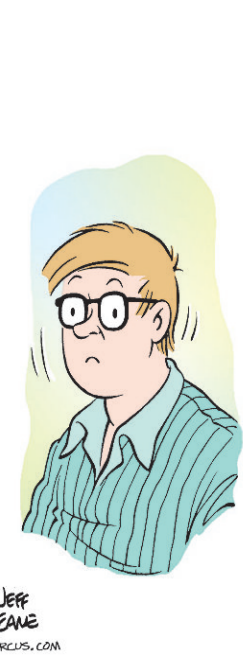
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HE'S OVER IN DADDY'S DREAM. THEY'RE PLAYIN' BALL.



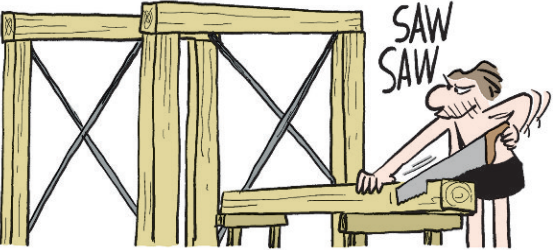
I DREAMT I WAS PLAYING BALL WITH JEFFY.

YES, I KNOW.



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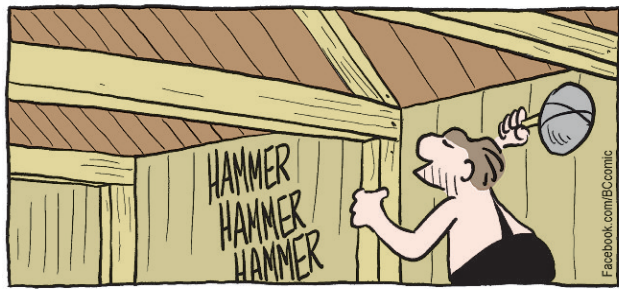
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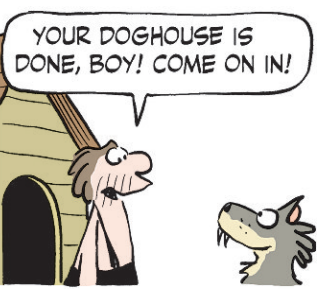
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YOUR DOGHOUSE IS DONE, BOY! COME ON IN!



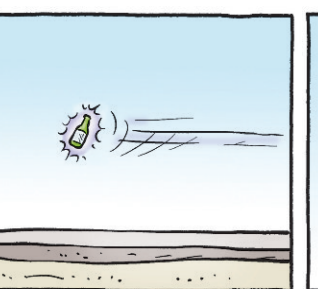
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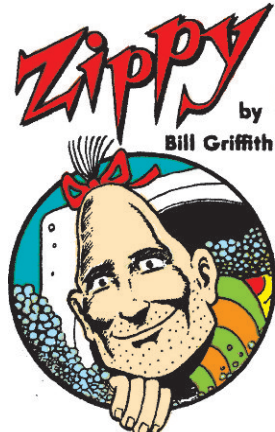
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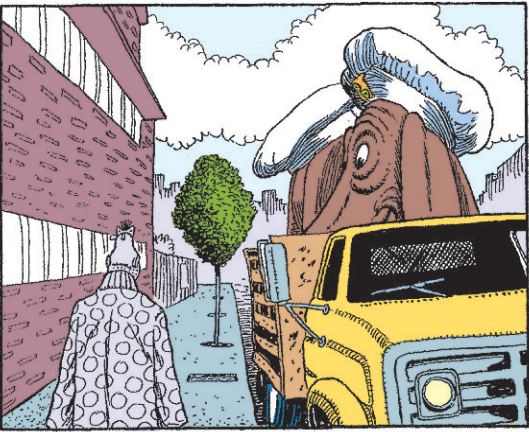
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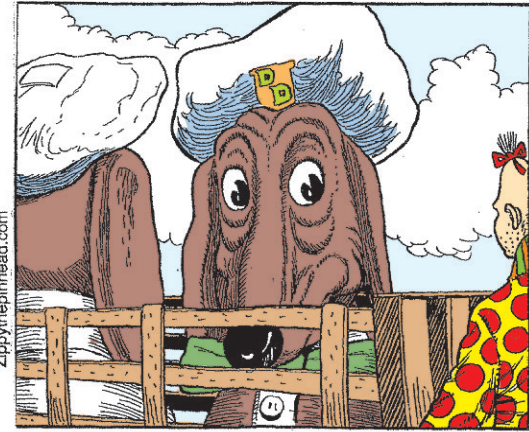
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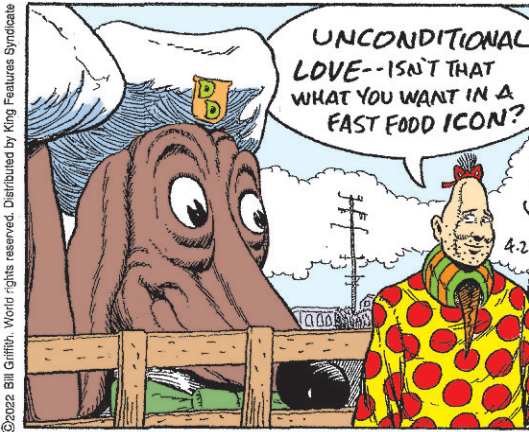
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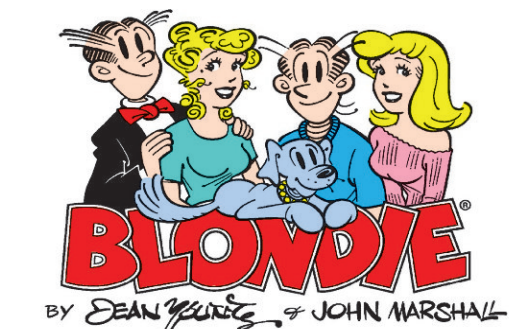


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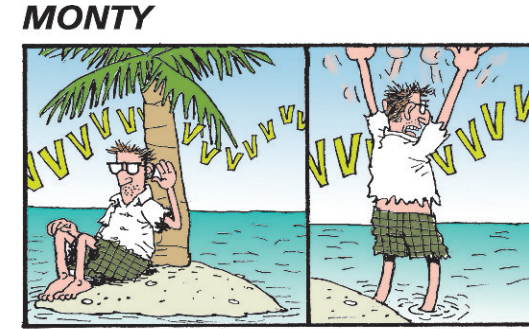


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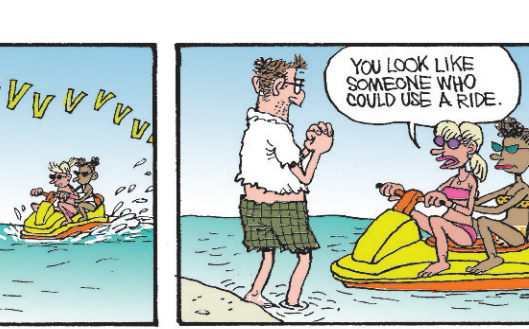
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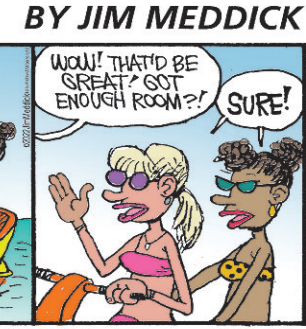
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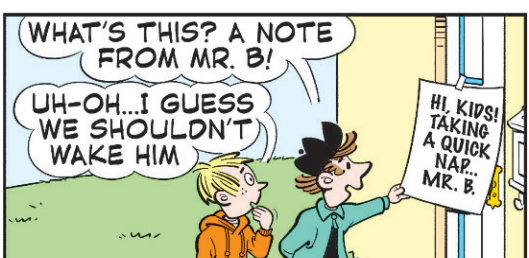
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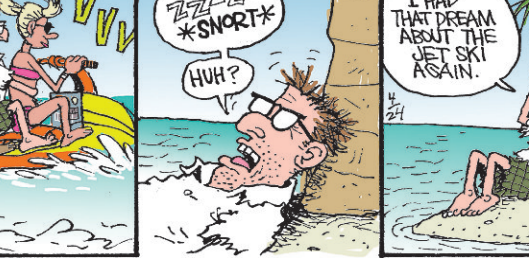
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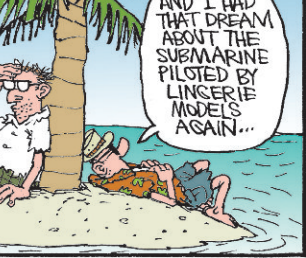
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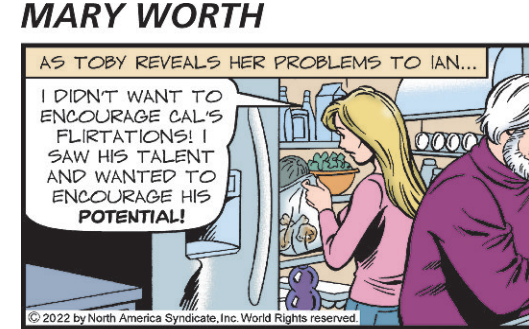


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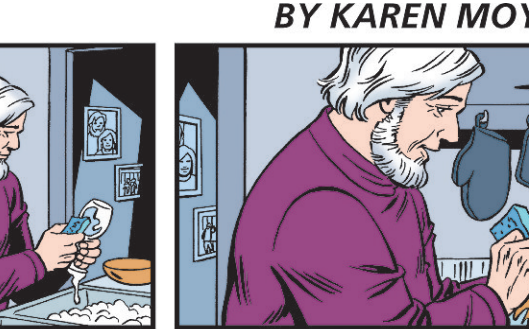
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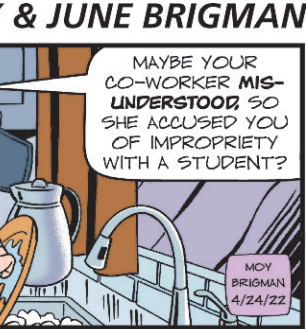
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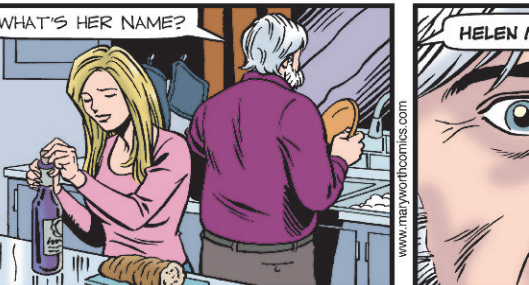
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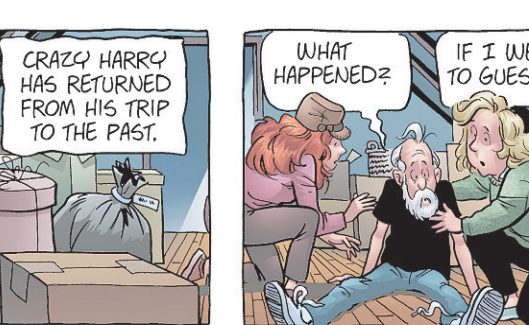
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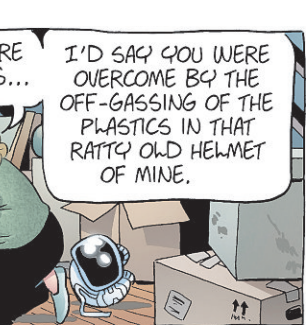
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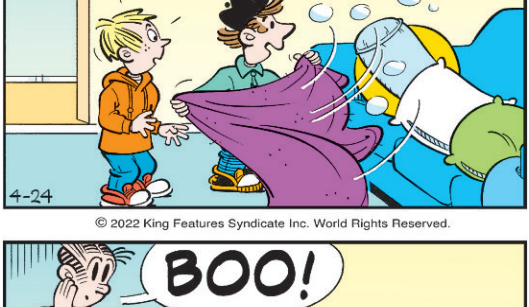
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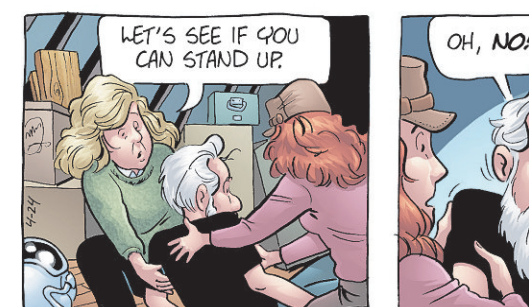
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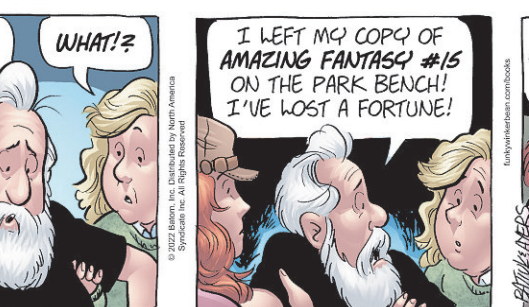
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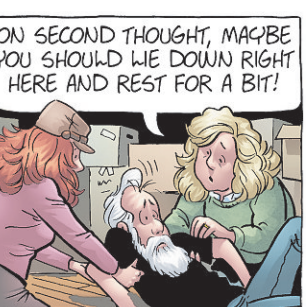
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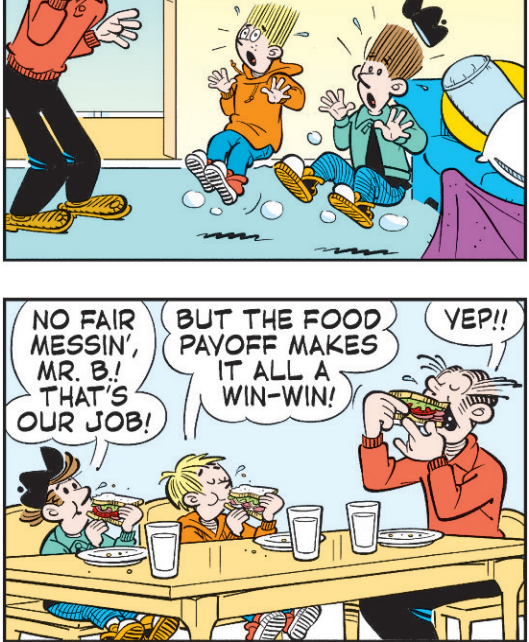


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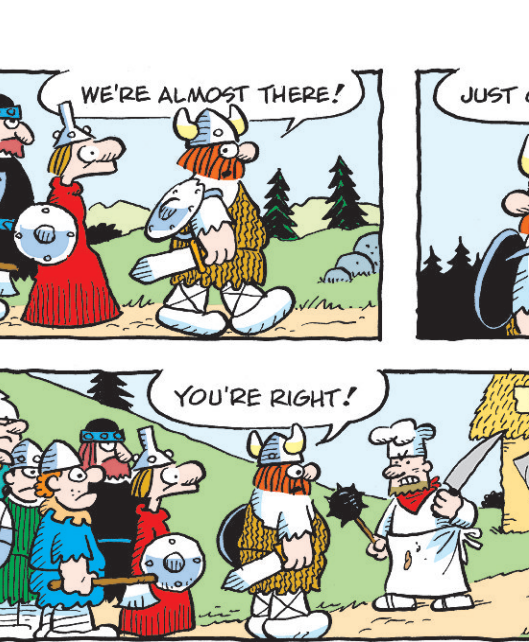
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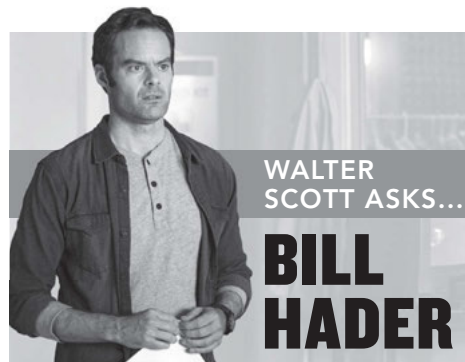
The limited series **Gaslit** (April 24 on Starz) stars

Sean Penn, 61, and **Julia Roberts**, 54, in a new take on an explosive 1970s political scandal. Roberts plays Martha Mitchell, the wife of U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell (Penn). She was the first person to blow the whistle on President Richard Nixon's involvement in the Watergate break-in and cover-up, causing both the presidency and her marriage to unravel. "Martha Mitchell was a huge celebrity, and people knew John Mitchell as the villain," says creator Robbie Pickering. "But I'm more interested in them as human beings, not political animals."



MORE TORMENT FOR MOSS

Elisabeth Moss is great at playing tormented women, like she did in *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Invisible Man*. In the new metaphysical thriller *Shining Girls* (April 29 on Apple TV+), she's Kirby Mazrachi, an aspiring journalist in Chicago who survives a brutal attack that alters her sense of reality—and spurs her on a hunt for her assailant. "I must admit I do enjoy the more dramatic work," says Moss, 39. "I feel more challenged by it. And as crazy as it might sound, it's more fun for me. But I would love to do some sort of comedy. Romantic comedies are my favorite genre."



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

BILL HADER

The former *Saturday Night Live* star, 43, returns for the third season of his dark comedy series **Barry** (April 24 on HBO). As Barry (Hader) desperately attempts to leave his job as a contract killer behind and immerse himself in acting, he discovers that getting out is messy.

What can we expect from this season?

Season three, more than anything, shows the ramifications of his job. I guess the previous seasons show the ramifications too, but [season three] even more so.

How does Barry deal with what he does for a living? It's a hard question to answer without spoiling things, but there's a lot left to explore. His boneheaded way of trying to get in touch with himself ends up really hurting a lot of people. I don't think he knows the extent that he's hurt people, and this season that's what he's learning.

How did the pandemic affect production?

We were about two weeks away from shooting in March 2020. We had our first table read, we were ready to go, we all hugged—and then we shut down. In that time, with the scope of how awful the pandemic was, we decided to write season four. And while we were doing that, we did a pretty extensive rewrite of season three.

What's the secret of the show's success?

It always really works when it's about the characters and the emotions. We're learning in the writing and the editing that every time you try to do something, if it's led by a joke or led by a crazy idea, it doesn't work as well.

If Barry, as a former contract killer, were successful in Hollywood, what would he be? Geez, I don't know. I haven't even thought about that. Probably running a studio.

NEVER FORGET



Schindler's List (1993)



The Pianist (2002)



Sophie's Choice (1982)



The Reader (2008)



The Survivor (April 27 on HBO and HBO Max) is the true story of Harry Haft (**Ben Foster**, 41), an Auschwitz prisoner whose survival depends on continued victory in boxing matches staged for his captors. Here are other notable movies suitable for watching around Holocaust Remembrance Day (this year April 27–28, sunset to sunset). The day commemorates the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the 1943 event that became the first significant urban revolt against German occupation in Europe.



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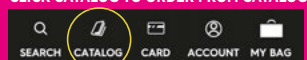
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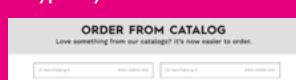
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THE ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF

Liam Neeson

The action-film icon reflects on his sons, the grief that never goes away and marking a movie milestone.

BY AMY SPENCER

Liam Neeson just turned 100.

That's not years, but movies. In December, the Irish actor, 69, finished his 100th film. "I can't friggin' believe it!" he says. "For the first time in my life, I can say I'm really, really proud: I've made a hundred movies! It's just extraordinary."

In a career that's stretched across four decades, he's played just about every role imaginable—from a pioneering sexologist (*Kinsey*) to a father who scours the earth for his missing daughter (*Taken*). In next year's *Marlowe*, he's the latest Hollywood star to fill the (gum)shoes of the detective Philip Marlowe.

"I believe in making hay while the sun shines," Neeson says, speaking with *Parade* from his home in the Hudson Valley in upstate New York. It has been 13 years since his wife, actress Natasha Richardson, passed away after a tragic skiing accident. Now Neeson looks for joy wherever he can find it, like in the flowers out the window of the home he shares with their sons, Micheál, 26, and Daniel, 25. "My little daffodils are starting to poke their heads up," he says.

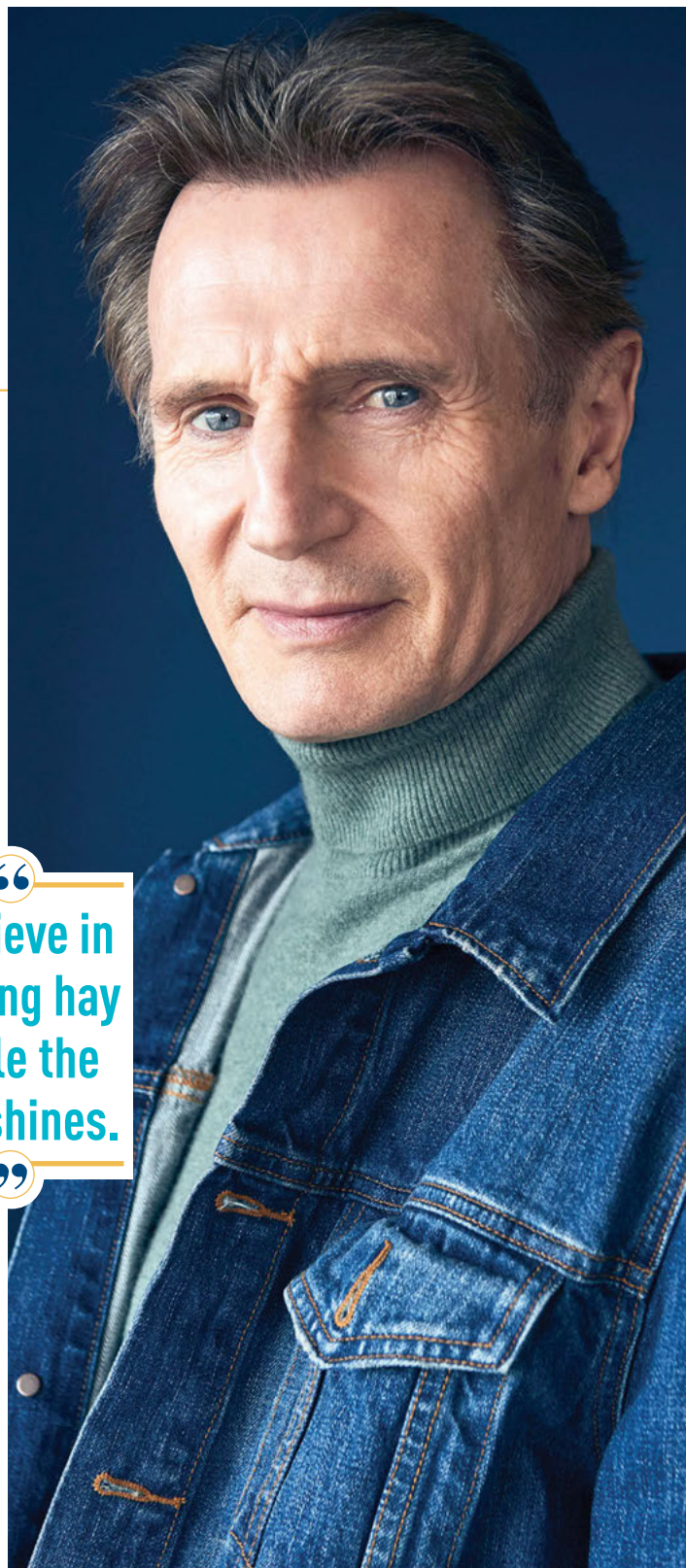
This month, he's onscreen in *Memory* (in theaters April 29), an action thriller in which he plays an assassin with Alzheimer's disease. *Memory*, of course, falters for just about everyone, including Neeson, who admits he occasionally can't remember names or has to write reminder notes to himself. But when it comes to "things from when I was a kid, and things my mom or dad said, I can remember those very clearly."

PIGS, PLAYS & HAY

Neeson was one of four children in a Catholic working-class family in Ballymena, Northern Ireland. "Money was hard to come by," he says. "Even though both of my parents were working." His father, Bernard, was an elementary school caretaker; his

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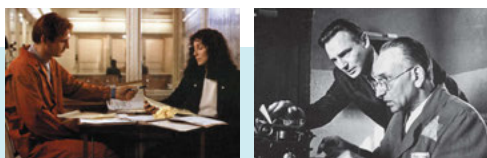
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mother, Katherine (“Kitty”), “helped serve up the grub for the kids at lunchtime, endlessly washing dishes” at the school for more than 30 years.

During summer and school breaks, teen Neeson worked as a builder, at a bottling factory and on his uncle’s farm, feeding pigs and cows. “It was a golden time,” he says. “Cuttin’ hay that just seemed to go on for miles.” An amateur boxer from age 9 to 17, he developed another interest when he started performing in school plays. “I’m a shy person, and I always was shy, but onstage I loved that, ‘God, people are looking at me and they’re listening to me.’ That gave me a buzz.”

But while performing had him hooked, he



ROLE PLAY

Neeson played opposite **Cher** in the legal thriller **SUSPECT** (1987). He met his future wife, Natasha Richardson, when they co-starred on Broadway in the Eugene O’Neill play *Anna Christie* (1993), for which they both earned Tony Award nominations. He received an Academy Award nomination for his role in **SCHINDLER’S LIST** (1993) and went back to his homeland to play an Irish revolutionary and politician in *Michael Collins* (1996). He went from Jedi Master in **STAR WARS: EPISODE 1—THE PHANTOM MENACE** (1999) to grieving husband in **LOVE ACTUALLY** (2003) and in *Made in Italy* (2020), which co-starred his son Micheál.



studied physics and math at Queen’s University in Belfast before beginning work in an architect’s office. Then one day, at age 24, he landed an audition at Belfast’s Lyric Theatre, coming away with his first acting contract. Neeson eventually transitioned from stage to film, and by the early ’80s he met and moved in with actress Helen Mirren. They were together for four years, living in London, while he continued to work steadily.

After a string of films and plays, he got his big

breakthrough in 1993: He earned a Tony nomination for his role in Broadway’s *Anna Christie*, and he starred in director Steven Spielberg’s acclaimed historical drama *Schindler’s List*, for which he received an Academy Award nomination. That was also the year he met his future wife, Richardson.

For the next 15 years, Neeson starred in *Rob Roy*, *Love Actually*, *Batman Begins* and more. Then his career shifted into yet another phase.

READY FOR ACTION

In 2006, he read the script for *Taken*, a thriller about a former CIA operative rescuing his teenage daughter from international sex traffickers. “It was a tight little thriller,” he says, “but I did think, *This is going straight to video.*” Still, he asked to be considered for it. “I said, ‘I used to box, and I’ve done a few sword fights in movies, and ridden a horse and s---t. Would you think of me for it?’”

The next thing he knew, he was on the set of *Taken*, mixing it up in fight sequences with stuntmen. “I had a blast!” he says. Still a bit dubious about the film’s commercial prospects, he was pleasantly surprised when the 2008 movie was a box-office smash, turning Neeson, then 55, into an unexpected action star. Maybe, he muses, seeing a big, older guy dishing out vengeance “gave the audience a sense of, ‘Yeah . . . I could do this.’”

Just as his career hit a new high, life dealt him a terrible blow. In March 2009, Richardson, his wife since 1994, was fatally injured on a ski slope, and Neeson was left alone raising their two teenage sons. “You can put grief away, you can kind of push it to a corner, but it’s always there,” he says.

Neeson leaned into his love for his sons, watching with pride as Micheál became an actor. Micheál even changed his last name to Richardson to honor his late mother, continuing the family’s long line of maternal acting royalty. (His grandmother is Vanessa Redgrave.) Younger son Danny inherited the entrepreneurial spirit of his mom, who was a tireless AIDS activist and fundraiser. He is a co-owner of the De-Nada tequila company.

More than a decade after Richardson’s death, Neeson still isn’t in a relationship. He says a comment he made to the media in February that he’d fallen in love while working on a film in Australia

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I am Likes

MUSIC “If I’m doing a little workout on the stationary bike watching CNN, I’ll put on some Eric Clapton or Dire Straits; that’s my generation. Or if I’m just quietly listening to music, it would be the **ENYA** channel.”



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"was bollocks! I said, 'I fell in love, but she was taken'—that's a joke! I'm just pretty happy on my own, to be honest."

When he can, he pulls on his waders, ties on a fly and casts into the waters near his home. "Eight times out of 10, I catch nothing. But that's not why I do it. All I think about is that fish and



Neeson and wife Natasha Richardson in London in 2008

changing flies. It's so cleansing."

Not surprisingly, he doesn't rest for long. He has worked on six projects in the past 13 months. "These action movies will draw to a close at some point," he says. "I turn 70 in June. There's a couple more out there I'm gonna do this year, and maybe that will be it."

Those include thrillers *Charlie Johnson in the Flames*, *In the Land of Saints and Sinners* and *Retribution*. To lighten things up, he's considering resurrecting the *Naked Gun* comedy films with Seth MacFarlane. "People maybe think I'm dead serious, but I'm a total giggler!"

He may not be laughing all the time, or in all his movies, but he shows no signs of slowing down. "You create your own luck," he says. "It's not gonna come to you. You have to get out there and push yourself."

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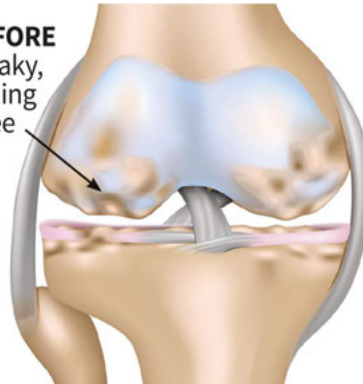
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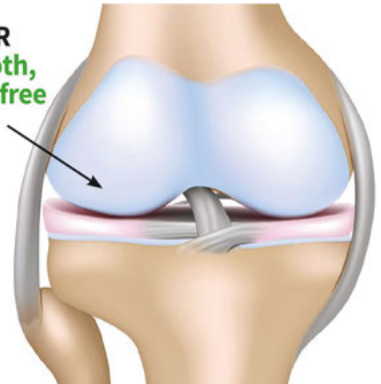
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Journal of Medical Sciences, 60 patients with stiff knees took 100 mg of Indian Frankincense or a placebo daily for 30 days. Remarkably, Indian Frankincense “significantly improved joint function and relieved discomfort in as early as five days.” That’s relief that is 10 times faster than glucosamine.

78% Better Relief Than the Most Popular Joint Solution

In another study, people suffering from discomfort took a formula containing Indian Frankincense and another natural substance or a popular man-made joint solution every day for 12 weeks.

The results? Stunning! At the end of the study, 64% of those taking the Indian Frankincense formula saw their joint discomfort go from moderate or severe to mild or no discomfort. Only 28% of those taking the placebo got the relief they wanted. So Indian Frankincense delivered relief at a 78% better clip than the popular man-made formula.

In addition, in a randomized, double blind, placebo controlled study, patients suffering from knee discomfort took Indian Frankincense or a placebo daily for eight weeks. Then the groups switched and got the opposite intervention. Every one of the patients taking Indian Frankincense got relief. That’s a 100% success rate—numbers unseen by typical solutions.

In addition, BMJ (formerly the *British Medical Journal*) reports that Indian Frankincense is safe for joint relief — so safe and natural you can take it every day.

Because of clinically proven results like this, Dr. Sears has made Indian Frankincense the centerpiece of a new natural joint relief formula called Mobilify.

Great Results for Knees, Hips, Shoulders and Joints

Joni D. says, “Mobilify really helps with soreness, stiffness and mild temporary pain. The day after taking it, I was completely back to normal—so fast.” Shirley M. adds, “Two week after taking Mobilify, I had no knee discomfort and could go up and down the staircase.” Larry M. says, “After a week and a half of taking Mobilify, the discomfort, stiffness and minor aches went away... it’s almost like being reborn.” And avid golfer Dennis H. says, “I can attest to Mobilify easing discomfort to enable me to pursue my golfing days. Definitely one pill that works for me out of the many I have tried.”

How to Get Mobilify

Right now, the only way to get this powerful, unique formula that clobbers creaking joints in five days without clobbering you is with Dr. Sears’ breakthrough Mobilify formula. It is not available in stores.

To secure a bottle of this breakthrough natural joint discomfort reliever, buyers should call the Sears Health Hotline at **1-800-305-2051** within the next 48 hours. “The Hotline allows us to ship the product directly to customers.”

Dr. Sears believes in this product so much, he offers a 100% money-back guarantee on every order. “Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days, and I’ll send you your money back,” he says.

The Hotline will be open for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will be shut down to allow them to restock. Call **1-800-305-2051** to secure your limited supply of Mobilify. You don’t need a prescription, and those who call in the first 24 hours qualify for a significant discount. Use promo code **PARAMB6** when you call.

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